

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, June 10, 2024 , 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**  
**Municipal Building, BOE Conference Room**  
**3 Primrose St. Newtown, CT 06470**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 12:59 pm

**IN ATTENDANCE** Doria Linnetz, Don Ramsey, Anne Uberti, Mark Pompano

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES** Don Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes of May 31, 2024. Doria Linnetz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Policy 6114 - Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

Mrs. Uberti, Mr. Pompano and Ms. Connell made edits to this policy. They decided to move the language “ The crisis management plan for each school shall be developed within the context of the four recognized phases of crisis management:

**Mitigation/Prevention** addresses what schools and the District can do to reduce or eliminate the risk to life and property

**Preparedness** focuses on the process of planning for the worst-case scenario

**Response** is devoted to the steps to take during a crisis

**Recovery** pertains to how to restore the learning and teaching environment after a crisis”

from Policy 6114.7 to Policy 6114.

Ms. Connell received language from Shipman and Goodwin and made the appropriate edits. The first paragraph on page (b) will now read:

“Each school security and safety plan shall include an overview of emergency response procedures and violence prevention training. Each school employee shall receive an orientation to such plan and shall receive such violence prevention training on an annual basis. The violence prevention training shall be conducted in cooperation with each school’s SSSC.”

Mr. Ramsey suggested changing the title of this policy to Safety and Security.

Mrs. Uberti agreed and also recommended keeping Emergency and Disaster Preparedness as the subtitle.

The committee agreed with these edits.

Ms. Connell will send this policy to Ms. June for the BOE first read.

Policy 6114.7 - Safety and Security

Mrs. Uberti recommends rescinding this policy. The language in this policy is already outlined in other Newtown security policies.

Ms. Linnetz asked if she feels that there will be concern from the public if we rescind this policy.

Mrs. Uberti answered that this policy does not accurately represent Newtown's practices. The language that is accurate was moved to Policy 6114, therefore, there should be no issue with rescinding it. Also, Ms. Uberti is aware that this policy does refer to violence prevention so they reviewed all current Newtown policies and confirmed it is covered in other areas.

The committee agreed to rescind this policy.

Ms. Connell will send this policy to Ms. June for BOE first read to be rescinded.

#### Policy 3152 - Spending Public Funds for Advocacy

MR. Ramsey stated that he reviewed this policy and thought it was an accurate representation of what the rules and regulations are. He does not feel that the unfortunate events that happened were a policy issue and were a communication issue.

The committee agreed that all parties involved did not know the rules but the policy is a good policy. Mrs. Uberti suggested having legal counsel come to an A-Team meeting to discuss the new legislation updates with the Administration at the beginning of the year. Ms. Linnetz thinks that is a good idea and also thinks that the Newtown Registrar of Voters can be a great help in educating us on the rules and regulations.

There will be no further action at this time on this policy.

#### Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance

The committee found that the CAGE policy combined Ages of Attendance, Placement and Admissions. The committee thought that this is a smart approach and would like to review Newtown's current policies on these subjects.

Ms. Connell will bring Newtown's current Policies (5111, 5112 and 5118) to the next Policy meeting to review.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

None

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Linnetz seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

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