

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
 November 1, 2022  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. Olga I. Rella, Chairperson Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Leslie Sarich Mr. Brian McCauley, Alternate
<b>Absent:</b>	Mr. Keith A. Swanhall Jr.
<b>Also Present:</b>	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Interim Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p>The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Rella. Mr. McCauley was seated in the absence of Mr. Swanhall.</p>	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was none.</li> </ul>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Policy for Revision</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><b>1. 5132 Student Dress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Rella said this policy is back for one more review before moving forward.</li> <li>• Mrs. McInerney said she likes the policy and accompanying regulation. The policy is broad and the use of the regulation will give flexibility as trends change.</li> <li>• Mrs. Rella said she thinks the policy is nice and clean and she thanked Dr. Paddyfote for its development.</li> <li>• Mrs. Sarich said she was happy to see the final revision.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. McCauley moved to bring policy 5132 Student Dress to the full Board for first review, seconded by Mrs. McInerney.</p>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Policy for Revision</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><b>1. 5132 Student Dress</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring policy 5132</b></p>

	<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>B. Policies Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 2500 Retention of Electronic Records and Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Paddyfote said this refers to any type of electronic record, including voice mail, and is governed by the State Librarian.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. 4115.2 Emergency Action Plan for Interscholastic and Intramural Athletic Events</b></li> <li><b>3. 4115.3 Exertional Heat Illness Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Paddyfote said these two policies are newly required this year. While the Board has not yet adopted the policies, Athletic Director Lipinsky has been aware of the CIAC guidelines and has already developed an action plan which he has shared with the coaches. This process will now be memorialized through the policies.</li> <li>● Mr. McCauley said these are good to have especially since there can sometimes be a gray area regarding procedures during after school hours.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. 5115 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Paddyfote said most districts have this policy already. Ours has some mention of this in the wellness policy but we do not currently have a stand alone policy. This revision from Shipman and Goodwin notes the conditions for withholding on page 2.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>5. 5134 Meal Charging</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Student Dress to the full Board for first review.</b></p> <p><b>B. Policies Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 2500 Retention of Electronic Records and Information</b></li> <li><b>2. 4115.2 Emergency Action Plan for Interscholastic and Intramural Athletic Events</b></li> <li><b>3. 4115.3 Exertional Heat Illness Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics</b></li> <li><b>4. 5115 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline</b></li> <li><b>5. 5134 Meal Charging</b></li> <li><b>6. 6141.7 Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</b></li> </ol>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Paddyfote said this is another required policy. Mrs. Sullivan has reviewed it and made suggestions, where there was leeway allowed, as to what is most appropriate for our district.</li><li>• Mrs. McInerney said she was happy to see that the policy specifies that contact should be with parents only and not students.</li></ul> <p><b>6. 6141.7 Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Paddyfote said she reviewed this required policy with Ms. Hollander. There are no restrictions on students wishing to enroll in an advanced course.</li><li>• Mrs. McInerney asked if this applies to high school only.</li><li>• Ms. Hollander said they are working on additional pathways for acceleration.</li></ul> <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to bring policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 2500 Retention of Electronic Records and Information</li><li>2. 4115.2 Emergency Action Plan for Interscholastic and Intramural Athletic Events</li><li>3. 4115.3 Exertional Heat Illness Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics</li><li>4. 5115 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline</li><li>5. 5134 Meal Charging</li><li>6. 6141.7 Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</li></ol> <p>to the full Board for approval at the initial meeting.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring policies:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. 2500 Retention of Electronic Records and Information</b></li><li><b>2. 4115.2 Emergency Action Plan for Interscholastic and Intramural Athletic Events</b></li><li><b>3. 4115.3 Exertional Heat Illness Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics</b></li><li><b>4. 5115 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline</b></li><li><b>5. 5134 Meal Charging</b></li><li><b>6. 6141.7 Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</b></li></ol> <p>to the full Board for approval at the initial meeting.</p>
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<p>4.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p><b>Regulations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>2500R Retention of Electronic Records and Information</b></li> <li>2. <b>5132R Administrative Regulation Addressing Student Dress</b></li> <li>3. <b>6141.7R Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</b></li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Paddyfote said these are the companion regulations for the policies discussed earlier.</li> <li>● Mrs. McInerney said she loves the addition of the R to the number. It makes the regulations much easier to identify as separate from the policies.</li> <li>● Regarding regulation 5132R, Dr. Paddyfote said she met with Mr. Manka and Ms. Scoralick who had questions as to whether or not hats would be permitted. Dr. Paddyfote told them no. Both principals said it was only an issue with a few students currently. Dr. Paddyfote talked with them about procedures that could be implemented, such as leaving the hat in the main office for pick up at the end of the day. She re-emphasized the idea of having students be “career ready”.</li> <li>● Mrs. Rella said she likes the cross out of the word “overly” to add more specificity. She said overall she thinks students will be happy with the new policy and regulation and she is pleased to see them finally moving forward after much discussion.</li> <li>● Mrs. McInerney asked if the policy will now require three reviews.</li> <li>● Dr. Paddyfote said it will and then it will be important to roll it out properly, including discussing the revision with students in appropriate venues such as advisory.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p><b>A. Regulations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>2500R Retention of Electronic Records and Information</b></li> <li>2. <b>5132R Administrative Regulation Addressing Student Dress</b></li> <li>3. <b>6141.7R Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</b></li> </ol>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was none.</li></ul>	
6.	<b>Adjourn</b> Mrs. McInerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.	<b>Adjourn</b> <b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.</b>

Respectfully submitted:



Olga I. Rella, Chairperson  
Policy Sub-Committee