



**New Milford Board of Education  
 Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
 November 2, 2021  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. Olga Rella, Chairperson Mr. Joseph Failla Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Leslie Sarich
<b>Also Present:</b>	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>  The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Rella.	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wendy Faulenbach said there was a question asked at a previous meeting regarding whether gifts and donations ever supplant the budget. She asked if it was checked to see if that is an issue.</li> </ul>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b>  <b>A. Policy Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311:</b> <b>1. 4300 COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Policy</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Rella invited questions.</li> <li>Mrs. McInerney asked why the wording of 4300(b)#2 didn't just say existing district employees.</li> <li>Ms. DiCorpo said it clarifies employees hired in the current year 2021 between July and September who may have been still waiting approval.</li> <li>Mrs. McInerney said she liked the addition of the contractor language.</li> </ul>	<b>Discussion and Possible Action</b>  <b>A. Policy Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311:</b> <b>1. 4300 COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Policy</b>    2021 NOV -3 P 1:23

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr. Failla said he would prefer not to add the contractor language since it is not required, but he will let the full Board decide.</li><li>● Ms. DiCorpo noted that it is optional language and that the district is already doing the required authentication.</li></ul> <p>Mrs. McNerney moved to bring policy 4300 COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Policy to the full Board for approval, seconded by Mrs. Sarich.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>B. Policy for Approval:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. 1212 School Volunteers</b></li></ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mrs. Rella noted that the PTO is allowing both vaccination and testing for volunteers.</li><li>● Mrs. McNerney said that mirrors this policy which is under review.</li><li>● Mrs. Rella said in her opinion it is not asking a lot of volunteers to do what all others are required to do.</li><li>● Mrs. Sarich asked who pays for testing.</li><li>● Ms. DiCorpo said she heard that CVS offers free testing, in conjunction with insurance, and the Town is working on that ability as well.</li><li>● Mrs. McNerney said she completely agrees with Mrs. Rella and there are other ways to volunteer for those who don't want to follow the requirements. She thinks the district should work at slowing the spread and keeping students and staff safe through any mitigation strategy available.</li><li>● Mr. Failla said he is not in support. We should not place any restrictions that are not required by the state.</li><li>● Mrs. Rella said the other choice is to say no to volunteers.</li></ul>	<p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring policy 4300 COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Policy to the full Board for approval.</b></p> <p><b>B. Policy for Approval:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. 1212 School Volunteers</b></li></ol>
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<p><b>C.</b></p>	<p><b>Policies for Second Review:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 3270 Disposition and Rental of Real Property</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. McInerney said she is still in favor of deleting this policy since it is not necessary.</li> <li>• Mr. Failla agreed saying he is in favor of less regulation.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. 3280 Gifts to the School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. DiCorpo said a question had been raised about fundraisers offsetting the budget. She said they researched and found just a few previously which she will be addressing in the budget going forward. There has been nothing with gifts the last few years.</li> <li>• Ms. DiCorpo questioned the language on 3280(a) regarding the \$1000 limit and Board authorization.</li> <li>• Mr. Giovannone noted that totals are not known until the fundraiser is complete; forms ask for an estimate and he noted that #1 on that page also provides an exception.</li> <li>• Ms. DiCorpo suggested that the language might be removed then. She said she would check with legal for clarification prior to the full Board meeting.</li> <li>• A typo was noted on page 3280(b).</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. 3281 School Fundraisers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. McInerney asked if coaches include volunteer coaches.</li> <li>• Ms. DiCorpo said it does not since they are not district employees. Volunteers would work through the head coach regarding proposed fundraisers. The forms detail required signoffs.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. 3313 Relations with Vendors</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>C. Policies for Second Review:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 3270 Disposition and Rental of Real Property</b></li> <li><b>2. 3280 Gifts to the School</b></li> <li><b>3. 3281 School Fundraisers</b></li> <li><b>4. 3313 Relations with Vendors</b></li> <li><b>5. 3313.1 Local Purchasing</b></li> <li><b>6. 6145.3 Development or Expansion of Athletic Programs</b></li> </ol>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Giovannone said he reached out to CASBO regarding threshold amounts. He received just a few responses, but of the ones that had a threshold, it was either \$50 or \$100. Mr. Giovannone recommended raising the threshold if the Board elects to keep this non-mandated policy.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. 3313.1 Local Purchasing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Giovannone said this policy is not mandatory and is already handled through the bidding process so it may be deleted if the Board wishes.</li> <li>● Mrs. McNerney agreed, saying adding unnecessary restrictions can make it more difficult to do business.</li> </ul> <p><b>6. 6145.3 Development or Expansion of Athletic Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mrs. McNerney said she was glad to see this guidance which can be extended out as needed.</li> <li>● Ms. DiCorpo said there is a separate document currently used to oversee extracurriculars. Legal says it does not prohibit the Board from using this policy for them as well. She said she would provide the current process prior to the full Board meeting for comparison.</li> <li>● Mrs. Rella said these policies will go back to the full Board for its second review at the November meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4.</b></p> <p><b>A.</b></p>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p><b>Regulations for Review:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 3280 Gifts to the School</b></li> <li><b>2. 3281 School Fundraisers</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p><b>A. Regulations for Review:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. 3280 Gifts to the School</b></li> <li><b>2. 3281 School Fundraisers</b></li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs. Rella said these are on as items of information. There were no questions.</li></ul>	
5.	<b>Public Comment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was none.</li></ul>	<b>Public Comment</b>
6.	<b>Adjourn</b> Mrs. McInerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sarich and passed unanimously.	<b>Adjourn</b> <b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.</b>

Respectfully submitted:



Olga I. Rella, Chairperson  
Policy Sub-Committee