

**New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Special Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2015
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present: Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairperson
Mr. Robert Coppola
Mrs. Daniele Shook
Mr. John W. Spatola

Also Present: Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology

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1.	Call to Order The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Lawson.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was none.	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and Possible Action	Discussion and Possible Action
A.	Policy Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311:	A. Policy Recommended for Revision and Approval at Initial Board Presentation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311:
1.	5121 Examination/Grading/Rating <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Coppola asked why the policy wording said ten or eleven, were we not sure which grade would take the test?Dr. Paddyfote said the language was taken verbatim from the State statute and right now the test is in eleventh grade.Mr. Coppola likes the inclusion of the phrase "not be required as the sole criterion".Dr. Paddyfote said she and Mr. Smith were recommending that the first sentence have statewide added before mastery for consistency. The committee concurred.	1. 5121 Examination / Grading / Rating

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Spatola asked if the district can opt out. Dr. Paddyfote said no. Mr. Lawson asked if students can opt out. Mr. Smith said no. They can refuse to take the test but they cannot opt out. Mr. Lawson asked if refusal would jeopardize promotion and Mr. Smith said it was not grounds for removal of promotion or graduation. 	
	<p>2. 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Coppola asked if this revision was to adjust to the change in grade levels at the middle school and Dr. Paddyfote said yes. 	<p>2. 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls</p>
	<p>3. 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lawson asked for any comments and there were none. <p>Mrs. Shook moved to bring Policies 5121 Examination / Grading / Rating, 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls and 5123 Promotion / Acceleration / Retention to the full Board for approval.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mr. Coppola.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>3. 5123 Promotion / Acceleration / Retention</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policies 5121 Examination / Grading / Rating, 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls and 5123 Promotion / Acceleration / Retention to the full Board for approval.</p>
B.	Policies Recommended for Revision:	B. Policies Recommended for Revision:
	<p>1. 5113.1 Work Permits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Paddyfote said she had asked Mr. Shugrue to look at this suggested revision to confirm that it is current practice. He said it was. Mr. Shugrue said the high school typically processes a few permits a week. Mr. Coppola questioned the section regarding after-school employment and asked if the school did in fact help students gain 	<p>1. 5113.1 Work Permits</p>

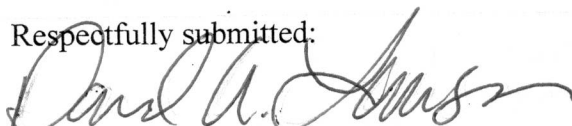
	<p>employment. Dr. Paddyfote said some employers provide postings to the high school and these are displayed on a bulletin board in the counseling office.</p> <p>2. 5114 Removal/Suspension/Expulsion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson referenced the commentary provided. • Dr. Paddyfote said this policy is always a work in progress, as there is always something new to add. • Mr. Coppola asked for the definition of harassment as referenced in the policy. Mr. Lawson said it was clearly defined in other policies. Dr. Paddyfote referenced the Board's policy on Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment for clear definitions. • Mr. Spatola raised concern that the policy does not address blade size and leaves ambiguity to the definition of weapon. • Mr. Lawson said the last revision added the phrase "but not limited to" to cover issues such as this. • Dr. Paddyfote clarified that the policy applies to only students not visitors to the schools. <p>Mr. Coppola moved to bring Policies 5113.1 Work Permits and 5114 Removal / Suspension / Expulsion to the full Board for first review.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mrs. Shook.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>2. 5114 Removal / Suspension / Expulsion</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policies 5113.1 Work Permits and 5114 Removal / Suspension / Expulsion to the full Board for first review.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Littlefield said he was unhappy with the inclusion of the phrase "not be required as the sole criterion" in policy 5121. He says the SBAC test has the potential to be used as a requirement and doesn't see how it can be used as a criterion at all since parents have not seen 	<p>Public Comment</p>

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	what is on the test.	
5.	Adjourn Mr. Coppola moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Shook and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



David A. Lawson, Chairperson
Policy Sub-Committee