

**New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2007
Lillis Administration Building, Rm. 2**

Present:	<p>Mrs. Dian Marandola, Committee Chairperson Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Board Chairperson Mr. Robin Ruggerio Mr. David Lawson Mrs. Elizabeth Finney (arrived at 7:04 pm) Mr. Thomas McSherry, alternate Dr. Lawrence Stillman, alternate Mr. Joseph Failla</p>
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Also Present:	<p>Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent</p>
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1.	<p>The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Subcommittee was called to order at 7:02 pm. Seated for Elizabeth Finney and Bill McLachlan were Mr. Stillman and Mr. McSherry.</p>	Call to Order
2.	There was no public comment	Public Comment
3.A.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action Crisis Response Policy 5141.6</p> <p>Superintendent Paddyfote said the wording regarding the manual should be changed to “Emergency Awareness Manual.” Once the Board approved this policy, that all committees will have to look at some aspect of how this policy would impact their areas. The emergency awareness manual is specific: the policy is broad. Superintendent Paddyfote said the police are involved in every drill, and the district communicates with the fire department as necessary with the drills.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 5141.6 Crisis Response Policy [renamed Emergency Preparedness Policy] to the full Board for approval, Dr. Stillman seconded, passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and approved to forward the revised Crisis Response Policy renamed as Emergency Preparedness Policy 5141.6 to the full Board for approval.</p>
3.B.	<p>Removal/Suspension/Expulsion Policy 5114</p> <p>Superintendent Paddyfote presented an update of this policy. Changes in the new state Statutes which have</p>	<p>Motion made and approved to forward to full Board Removal/Suspension/Expulsion Policy 5114.</p>

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	<p>come out of the Department of Education are an effort to reduce out-of-school suspensions. The policy now allows the school system to shorten an expulsion; allows for expulsion to be expunged from a student's record; and notifies parents of where they can seek free legal representation in case of a student expulsion. The policy also now allows the Board of Education to expunge a student's record as well as shorten an expulsion/suspension. However, if the suspension or expulsion is shortened based on a student receiving counseling or drug testing, then that expense must now be borne by the school system. Only community service requirements do not have a monetary requirement on the part of the school system.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 5114 Removal/Suspension/Expulsion to the Board for approval, seconded by Mr. McSherry, passed unanimously.</p>	
4.	<p>Adjournment Dr. Stillman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm, seconded by Mr. McSherry, passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn made and passed unanimously.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Traisci-Marandola, Chairman
 Policy Committee