

NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE**

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NEW MILFORD, CT

DATE: May 19, 2009
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Lillis Administration Building, Rm. 2

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

A. Policies Recommended for Revision

1. Policy 1212 School Volunteers
2. Policy 1324 Fund Raising in and for the Schools
3. Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion
4. Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities
5. Policy 1331 Smoking
6. Policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities
7. Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
8. Bylaw 9130 Board Committees

B. Policies Recommended for Deletion

1. Policy 0521 Harassment in the Schools
2. Policy 1314/1324 Fund Raising and Solicitation dated May 7, 2001
3. Policy 1340 Access to School Procedures and Materials

C. Clarification from Policy Meeting March 17, 2009

1. Policy 1112 Community Relations
2. Policy 1312 Public Complaints

D. Items of Information

1. Regulation 1330 Use of School Facilities
2. Regulation 1330.1 Use of School Facilities
3. Regulation 1411 Relations with Police Authorities

4. Adjourn

**Sub-Committee Members: Mrs. Amy Llerena, Chair
Mrs. Alexandra Thomas
Mr. David A. Lawson
Mr. Bill Wellman**

**Alternates: Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach
Mrs. Elizabeth Finney**

**New Milford Board of Education
 Policy Subcommittee Minutes
 May 19, 2009
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Present:	Mrs. Amy Llerena, Chairperson* Mr. William Wellman* Mr. David Lawson * Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach* * Committee Members
Not present:	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas Mrs. Elizabeth Finney

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services Greg Miller, Accounting Manager
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1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Subcommittee was called to order at 6:33 pm. Mrs. Faulenbach was seated for Alexandra Thomas.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was none. 	Public Comment
3. A. 1.	Discussion and Possible Action Items Policies Recommended for Revision Policy 1212 School Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Llerena noted that this policy will require background checks for all volunteers in the schools. Dr. Paddyfote noted that criminal background checks include fingerprinting. This is a shift from current practice and the administration discussed ways to roll this policy out by doing fingerprinting clinics during the summer. Mr. Lawson asked who would pay for the checks to which Dr. Paddyfote responded the school district incur the cost. Mrs. Faulenbach said she supported this policy. Mr. Wellman asked the cost of fingerprinting to which Mrs. Baldelli said \$15.25 per person. Mr. Wellman asked the total number of volunteers and Ms. Baldelli stated there are approximately 300-400 volunteers a year. Mr. Lawson said he has had the opportunity to hire people for summer camps and said it is shocking how many people are offenders who apply – he said 10% or more of applicants are offenders. Therefore, knowing what we know at this time, we 	Discussion and Possible Action - Policies Recommended for Revision Policy 1212 School Volunteers

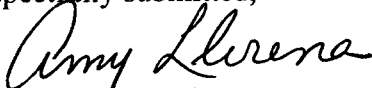
	<p>would be negligent if we do not adopt this policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wellman suggested individual votes on these policies as votes might be different for each policy. <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 1212 to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed 3-1. Aye: Lawson, Llerena Faulenbach No: Wellman</p>	<p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1212 to full board for approval</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Policy 1324 Fundraising in and for the Schools</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said policies 1314 and 1324 were being combined. Dr. Paddyfote said the notification to the Board should be done on an annual basis and suggested the words "on an annual basis" be added to the paragraph starting with "The Superintendent will furnish..."</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to send policy 1324 as revised to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Policy 1324 Fundraising in and for the Schools</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1324 Fundraising in and for the Schools to full board for approval</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena noted that the original policy is being removed and has been rewritten to be less confusing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson the idea should be that if you don't like an advertisement you can "turn it off" and there should be nothing of a permanent nature installed. • Mrs. Faulenbach said there would be regulations attached to this policy that could clarify the issues. Mrs. Faulenbach also noted that the Playbill is produced with advertising and the Board does not approve that. • Mr. Wellman said he did not find the original policy confusing and also it deleted the definition of advertising. He felt the new policy was actually vaguer, for instance, what are private interests? He said the operative provisions remain the same. • Dr. Paddyfote said this policy has come up as a result of a Town Council member suggesting that advertising be sold on the fields to raise revenue. • Dr. Paddyfote said the original policy was verbatim from CABA but this policy was being suggested by the Board's legal counsel who would have to defend the Board against any legal actions. <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 1325 to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed 3-1. Aye: Lawson, Llerena, Faulenbach No: Wellman</p>	<p>Policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1325 Advertising and Promotion to the full board for approval</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said this change had been made based on the religious aspects of the policy and the proposed changes would make it more accurate.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 1330 Use of School Facilities to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed 3-0-1. Aye: Lawson, Llerena, Faulenbach Abstain: Wellman</p>	<p>Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1330 Use of School Facilities to the full board for approval</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Policy 1331 Smoking</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said the change made in this policy makes it a more accurate reading of the law.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 1331 Smoking to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Policy 1331 Smoking</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1331 Smoking to the full board for approval</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wellman asked if in the part of the policy that said the school could question students as witnesses if the Board really wanted that done without parental consent. He said the school acts "in loco parentis" and thought that school personnel should not be allowed, therefore, to question students without some representation. • Mr. Lawson said the school is not bound by probable cause and felt the school needed the ability to question students so as to solve a problem immediately. • Dr. Paddyfote noted under 10-221 of CGS that it is the right and responsibility of the Board to prescribe rules, policies, and procedures by which the school district would be operated. • Mrs. Faulenbach said the policy is important because some issues are time sensitive. <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to send policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed 3-1. Aye: Lawson, Llerena, Faulenbach No: Wellman</p>	<p>Policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1411 Relations with Police Authorities to full board for approval</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said this would eliminate an incorrect statutory citation.</p>	<p>Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities</p>

	<p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to send policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and approved to send Policy 1620/1640 Relations with Private Schools, Colleges and Universities to the full board for approval</p>
8.	<p>Bylaw 9130 Board Committees</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said this bylaw would give structure to how to run committee meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wellman said this would be a fundamental change and didn't understand the justification for it. He said a quorum may arise merely with the presence of a member. The effect of this change would be to push the discussion of issues out of the committees on onto the board meeting agendas. • Mrs. Faulenbach said the board meetings would change, non-committee members could discuss issues at the board meeting, but not at sub-committee meetings. Mrs. Faulenbach said Board members could attend sub-committee meetings as a member of the audience and not participate. She stated that it is important to follow the FOIA guidelines as well as the advice of Board counsel. • Dr. Paddyfote said it is incumbent on the chair to notify the board member that he/she would be a member of the public and not a participating member of the committee. She said the issue of a Board member's mere presence at a sub-committee meeting is a gray area and one not acted upon by the FOI Commission. <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send bylaw 9130 Board committees to the full board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed 3-1. Aye: Lawson, Llerena, Faulenbach No: Wellman</p>	<p>Bylaw 9130 Board committees</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send bylaw 9130 Board committees to the full board for approval</p>
B. 1.	<p>Policies Recommended for Deletion Policy 0521 Harassment in the Schools</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said this policy is a duplication and is covered in another policy. Dr. Paddyfote said this is now covered in the 4000 series.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to recommend to the full board that it delete policy 0521 at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Policies Recommended for Deletion Policy 0521 Harassment in the Schools</p> <p>Motion made and approved to recommend deletion of policy 0521</p>
2.	<p>Policy 1314/1324 Fundraising and Solicitation dated May 7, 2001</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena noted that policy 1314 has been consolidated with policy 1324.</p>	<p>Policy 1314/1324 Fundraising and Solicitation dated May 7, 2001</p>

	Mrs. Faulenbach moved to recommend to the full board that it delete policy 1314/1324 Fundraising and Solicitation dated May 7, 2001 at the June meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.	Motion made and approved to recommend deletion of policy 1314/1324
3.	<p>Policy 1340 Access to School Procedures and Materials</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said this is a duplicate policy.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to recommend to the full board that it delete policy 1340 Access to school procedures and materials at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Policy 1340 Access to School Procedures and Materials</p> <p>Motion made and approved to recommend deletion of policy 1340</p>
C. 1.	<p>Clarification from Policy Meeting March 17, 2009 Policy 1112 Community Relations</p> <p>Mrs. Llerena said that a heading Recording and Conduct at Board Meetings had been added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Faulenbach said she was not seated when this policy had been discussed at the last meeting but she had no problem with this policy. <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send Policy 1112 community relations to the Board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Clarification from Policy Meeting March 17, 2009 Policy 1112 Community Relations</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send Policy 1112 community relations to the full board for approval at the June meeting</p>
2.	<p>Policy 1312 Public Complaints</p> <p>Dr. Paddyfote noted that the Board no longer has policy 1220 Citizens' Ad Hoc Advisory Committees, 6144 Controversial issues, and that policy 6161 should be revised to say Textbook Selection & Adoption.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to send policy 1312 Public Complaints as amended to the full Board for approval at the June meeting, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and approved 3-1. Aye: Lawson, Llerena, Faulenbach No: Wellman</p>	<p>Policy 1312 Public Complaints</p> <p>Motion made and approved to send policy 1312 Public Complaints to the full board for approval at the June meeting</p>
4.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and approved to adjourn at 7:28 pm.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Llerena, Chairman
 Policy Sub-Committee

