

New Milford Board of Education
 Policy Sub-Committee
 April 10, 2007
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School – Media Center

Present: *Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola, Sub-Committee Chair
 *Dr. Lawrence Stillman
 *Mr. David Lawson
 *Mr. Bill McLachlan
 *Mr. Thomas McSherry

Also Present: Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent
 Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chair – BOE

* Committee Member

<p>1. The Policy Sub-Committee was called to Order at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Stillman and Mr. McSherry were seated as alternates.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>2. There was no public participation.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>3. Discussion and Possible Action Items</p>	
<p>3A. Policy Review Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Historically, the policy review process is completed in a timely fashion so the policies can be brought to the full Board at the June meeting and the revisions can be included in the student handbooks for next year. ▪ The Multi-Year Policy Update Plan is meant to be a guide to help the Committee when planning its agendas. ▪ The April Policy Sub-Committee meeting will discuss proposed changes to policies in the first half of the 5000 Series – Students. ▪ The second half of the 5000 Policy Series will be reviewed during the May Committee meeting. ▪ Current Connecticut Statutes are referenced on Policies that have proposed changes. 	<p>Policy Review Schedule</p>

<p>3. 5131.21 – Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It was pointed out that this Policy started as a CAFE Policy and has been reviewed by a variety of law firms over the course of time. The Policies are cross-referenced.▪ It was suggested that the sentence under the subheading “Gangs” should be changed to read “Gangs are groups of youths who share common beliefs, attitudes, attire and exhibit unlawful and/or anti-social behavior.”▪ The “Note:” as an explanation was considered useful as clarification. <p>4. 56131.61 – Inhalent Abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There was no discussion. <p>5. 5131.81 – Electronic Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Generally, when students are caught with cell phones, the device is confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.○ The advancement of technology must dictate the changes necessary to policies regarding electronic devices.○ As with the dress code policy, how a policy can be implemented and enforced fairly should be considered. Hard and fast rules can be problematic. Tracking can be very difficult.○ It was the consensus of the Committee to revisit this Policy annually. <p>6. 5145.123 – Search and Seizure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Changes to this policy include the deletion of the regulation because this is an ever-evolving area of law, and the Board should review this policy annually.▪ The finer points of “reasonable suspicion” and “probable cause” were discussed at length.▪ Our school resource officers are policemen and, as such, follow the letter of the law in regards to their jurisdiction.▪ We are not using metal detectors as yet in our schools, however, this policy will grant us the right to do so if the need to implement is established.	<p>5131.21 – Conduct</p> <p>56131.61 – Inhalent Abuse</p> <p>5131.81 – Electronic Devices</p> <p>5145.123 – Search and Seizure</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee suggested further review of this policy to clarify “reasonable suspicion” and “probable cause” as it relates to law enforcement officers. <p>7. 5156 – Research Involving Students There were no changes to this Policy.</p>	<p>5156 – Research Involving Students</p>
<p>Motion by Dr. Stillman: Move that the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee bring Policy 5131.7, 5131.8, 5131.21, 5131.61, 5131.81, and 5156 to the Regular Board of Education meeting in June. Seconded by: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Marandola, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Dr. Stillman Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 5-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee bring Policy 5131.7, 5131.8, 5131.21, 5131.61, 5131.81, and 5156 to the Regular Board of Education meeting in June.</p>
<p>Motion by Mr. McSherry: Move that the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee adjourn. Seconded by: Mr. McLachlan</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Marandola, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. McSherry, Dr. Stillman Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 5-0-0</p>	<p>Motion made and passed that the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee adjourn.</p>
<p>4. The Policy Sub-Committee meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dian Traisci-Marandola,
 Policy Sub-Committee Chair