

**New Milford Board of Education
 Policy Sub-Committee Minutes
 June 2, 2020
 By Zoom Virtual Meeting**

RECEIVED
 TOWN CLERK
 2/11/20
 2020 JUN -4 P 12:35

NEW MILFORD, CT

Present: Mrs. Angela C. Chastain, Chairperson
 Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach
 Mrs. Tammy McInerney
 Mrs. Cynthia Nabozny

Also Present: Dr. Kerry Parker, Superintendent of Schools
 Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Brandon Rush, Director of Technology

1.	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Chastain, via Zoom Virtual Meeting.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
2.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was none. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
3.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Policies for Review:</p> <p>1. 5117 School Attendance Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Chastain said the policy had additional changes. • Dr. Parker said teachers had emailed the Board to request consideration of a waiver for their children so that they could attend out of area in the school at which the parent taught. • Mrs. Chastain asked if teachers who live out of district receive a discount on tuition for their children if they attend in district. Ms. DiCorpo said they do. • Mrs. Faulenbach asked about the appeal process. Mrs. Chastain said it is described on page 5117(d). Ms. DiCorpo said the appeal to the superintendent and/or BOE was discussed previously but not specified in the policy because it was viewed as implicit. 	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Policies for Review:</p> <p>1. 5117 School Attendance Areas</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said she thought the teacher waiver was the right thing to do. • Ms. DiCorpo said the waiver is a one year agreement and the grandfathering clause could be two years depending on grade. • Mrs. McNerney said the spirit of the policy is to stop overuse of out of area requests while protecting the children who are already in place from undue angst. She asked how the waiver affects that. • Ms. DiCorpo said it lets them monitor the children for factors such as attendance and tardiness. She said the emphasis is to do what is right for the children. • Mrs. Chastain asked if parents sign an agreement as part of the waiver. Ms. DiCorpo said it is in the regulation piece. • Dr. Parker said, in her opinion, it is important that if a child starts at a school it should be assumed that the child finishes there to prevent angst in the child. • Ms. DiCorpo asked for clarification as to whether teachers would be required to sign the waiver as well. • Mrs. Chastain said she thought that was fine; the perk is in allowing the placement, but they should be accountable like any other parent. • Mrs. Faulenbach agreed saying the perk gets the foot in the door but they need to follow the same standard then. • Mrs. McNerney asked about numbers. Ms. DiCorpo said there are 14 possible candidates. • Mrs. Chastain noted that there is a small impact overall then. <p>Mrs. McNerney moved to bring Policy 5117 School Attendance Areas to the Board for approval, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. 6141.321-4118.4-4218.4 Responsible Use of Technology, Social Media, and District Network</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policy 5117 School Attendance Areas to the Board for approval.</p> <p>2. 6141.321-4118.4-4218.4 Responsible Use of</p>
--	---

	<p>Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Parker said this continues conversation from last month. There have been lots of back and forth with legal since then regarding policy updates and possible agreements.• Mr. Rush said they are considering technology as a more general category and focusing on unintentional damage as well.• Mrs. Faulenbach suggested the policy's language mirror other policies and speak to parents "and guardians" where appropriate. Mr. Rush said he would make that change.• Mrs. McInerney said it is a difficult topic since there are many scenarios. She asked how damaged textbooks are handled and suggested any forms should mirror that for consistency. She is concerned too with parents perhaps opting out versus signing and then having the student deprived of what they need for their education.• Mrs. Faulenbach agreed it is a tough balance. While it is important to have expectations, she thinks it will be challenging to enforce.• Dr. Parker said it is a necessary conversation, especially with the projected blending nature of the fall.• Mrs. Chastain said maybe just the fact of signing the agreement that states you may be held liable will create awareness and cut down on issues.• Mrs. Nabozny cited the signing out of expensive band instruments as an example. Parents have strong conversations with their children about potential liability.• Mr. Rush said there will be an annual cost sheet included. Ms. DiCorpo asked if it will include repair costs as well. Mr. Rush said it will break down components but there are very few times repair will be possible. He said he has begun investigating parent insurance policies as well.• Dr. Parker said legal counsel felt strongly that the revisions to the policy had to come first and	<p>Technology, Social Media, and District Network Systems</p>
--	---	--

	<p>that they would drive the rest of the conversation. She said it is important to educate our students in the proper use of the equipment as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach said she thought the policy and attachments were very thorough and provide a good start to the conversation. She said parents are required to report damage within 24 hours. If that is the case, it is important to specify to them how that is done. Mr. Rush said he is looking to incorporate that into a help desk portal. • Mrs. Chastain asked if there is a way to sell old Chromebooks to families at a reduced cost to help recoup district costs. Mr. Rush said they are stretching end life as is and most are beyond the update stage. <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to bring Policy 6141.321-4118.4-4218.4 Responsible Use of Technology, Social Media, and District Network Systems to the Board for first review, seconded by Mrs. McInerney.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policy 6141.321-4118.4-4218.4 Responsible Use of Technology, Social Media, and District Network Systems to the Board for first review.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>Items for Information and Discussion</p> <p>Regulation:</p> <p>1. 5117 School Attendance Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Chastain said this has already been discussed this evening. She asked if anyone had additional comments to make. There were none. 	<p>Items for Information and Discussion</p> <p>A. Regulation:</p> <p>1. 5117 School Attendance Areas</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was none. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

**New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Minutes
June 2, 2020
By Zoom Virtual Meeting**

	Mrs. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Nabozny and passed unanimously.	Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
--	--	---

Respectfully submitted:



Angela C. Chastain, Chairperson
Policy Sub-Committee