

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Special
Date of Meeting: 9/24/25 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion
Members absent: Amy Johnson
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kris Woleck, Ed Sbordone
Minutes submitted by: Kathy Baker
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (9/24/25 at 7:00 p.m.) Web:
<https://zoom.us/j/97284658195> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 972 8465 8195

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 20, 2025

Samantha Mannion made a motion to approve the minutes. All in favor.

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 5135.1 - Bus Conduct

We want to change the policy to reflect NFES and to include K-3 as needing an adult. If a family has a special circumstance, there is a form to fill out.

B. Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children

This policy allows students to stay in the district if their parent is deployed or relocated with a grace period of how long they can remain. It gives more stability to the families.

C. Policy 5144.12 – Challenging Behavior Response Policy

This policy is required by the state. Our policy is a concise policy based on CAGE and Shipman, but made more specific to NFPS. It is intended to couple with the school climate policy that was adopted in the spring. This policy helps guide our response to the wide range of behaviors that the schools are experiencing. It also includes looking at it via a disciplinary lens. Dr. Woleck highlighted the district practices in regard to this policy. Samantha asked about what the levels are and how they are applied. They are located in the code of responsibility and respect. Kim and Sam questioned the impact of restorative practices versus other tools.

D. Policy 1321.2 - Public Videotaping of Educational Activity – Samantha brought this up as a concern for safety and that we need to audit policies to ensure that they are up to date and reflective of the world today. Technology is different and needs to be addressed. Sam wants to ensure that we are covered from a FERPA perspective. The first paragraph could be adjusted to include language around FERPA and safety. Ken will rewrite the paragraph to address the concerns to apply some additional protection.

Motion: To bring Policy 5135.1, Policy 5118.2 and Policy 5144.12 to the full Board

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Motion: To table Policy 1321.2 pending further information

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. OTHER

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 7:42 p.m.