

New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Motions & Minutes
August 4, 2026
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

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Present:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Joseph Failla
Absent:	Mrs. Tammy McInerney, Chairperson

Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
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1.		Call to Order The New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
2.		Public Comment None	Public Comment None
3.		Discussion and Possible Action A. Policy for Discussion: 1. 5000 Policy Regarding Non-Discrimination (Students) Mr. Failla shared a point of awareness regarding the June 30, 2026, U.S. Supreme Court ruling in <i>West Virginia v. B.P.J.</i> , noting that the Court found Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause permits states to restrict girls' sports teams to biological females. He highlighted excerpts from the majority opinion by Justice Kavanaugh, as well as the dissents from Justices Sotomayor and Jackson, observing that while the district is currently bound by state statute, the federal legal landscape is shifting. Mr. Failla emphasized that these developments raise significant questions regarding the current Connecticut state statute for due process and equal protection for biological females in sports. B. Policies for Second Read:	3. Discussion and Possible Action A. Policy for Discussion: 1. 5000 Policy Regarding Non-Discrimination (Students) B. Policies for Second Read:

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		5142 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools 6156 Policy Regarding Library Collection Development and Maintenance, Library Displays and Programs, and Library Material Review and Reconsideration No discussion. <i>Mrs. Herring moved to bring the following policies to the full Board for second read: 5142 and 6156. Seconded by Mr. Failla. Motion passed unanimously.</i> C. Policies for Third Read 6142.1 Curricular Exemptions Regarding Policy 6142.1, Curricular Exemptions, Mrs. Sarich reported that legal counsel advised that implementing an opt-in model for courses could potentially interfere with a student's graduation requirements and expose the district to legal liability. <i>Mrs. Herring moved to bring the following policy to the full Board for third read: 6142.1. Seconded by Mrs. Sarich. Motion passed unanimously.</i>	5142 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools 6156 Policy Regarding Library Collection Development and Maintenance, Library Displays and Programs, and Library Material Review and Reconsideration Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the following policies to the full Board for second read: 5142 and 6156. C. Policies for Third Read 6142.1 Curricular Exemptions Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the following policy to the full board for third read: 6142.1.
4.	A.	Items of Information: 5000 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Non-Discrimination (Students) No discussion.	Items of Information: A. 5000 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Non-Discrimination (Students)
5.		Public Comment None	Public Comment

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6.		Adjourn <i>Mrs. Herring moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sarich, and passed unanimously.</i>	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
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Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Leslie Sarich