

**New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mrs. Olga I. Rella, Chairperson Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Keith A. Swanhall Jr. Mrs. Leslie Sarich
Also Present:	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director

1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Rella.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment Ari Rosenberg said he feels the district's policy regarding bullying is not strong enough regarding hate speech. He said there should be zero tolerance and severe consequences spelled out to deter hate speech and guide school discipline. He requests a review of the current policy to make it more specific to the issue of hate speech.	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and Possible Action A. Policy for First Review: 1. 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls - Ms. DiCorpo said they want to continue to honor students who make honor roll but that the transition to PowerSchool requires a change to the current policy. - Mr. Turner said the issue is that PowerSchool is not set up to calculate the highest honors at SMS as currently set up. He offered several	Discussion and Possible Action A. Policy for First Review: 1. 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls RECEIVED TOWN CLERK  2022 MAR -3 A 10:10

	alternatives, including manually calculating to finish the year. • Mrs. Rella said she feels the honor roll determination should be the same as what is used at the high school for consistency and also to show the expectation is the same for both schools. • Mrs. McInerney agreed that she would like to see consistency. She would prefer to see honor roll determined by GPA and not grades though. • Mr. Swanhall said he agrees with dropping the “no grade below 70” as he does not think that merits honor roll status. • Mrs. Sarich agreed. • Mrs. McInerney said she thinks it is unfair to make this change halfway through the year, since students have been working under the old standard until now. • Ms. DiCorpo said any change will take three reads at the Board level so won’t go into effect until the end of the school year. • Mrs. McInerney said SMS has a recognition ceremony and the high school does not. She would like to see consistency there. She asked if honor roll status shows on the report card and transcript. • Mr. Turner said he would check. • Mrs. Rella noted that National Honor Society has a recognition ceremony at the high school and eligible students may apply for membership. • Mr. Swanhall said he would like to change the name used for Highest Honors. • Ms. DiCorpo suggested Honors with Distinction. Mrs. McInerney moved to bring policy 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls to the full Board for first review. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sarich.	Motion made and passed unanimously to bring policy 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls to the full Board for first review.
--	---	---

	Motion passed unanimously. B. Policies/Regulations for Second Review: 3321 Requesting Goods and Services (Requisitions) - Mrs. Rella said these are back for second review. No changes to the recommendation for deletion. 3324.1 Contracts - Regulation - Mrs. Rella said she feels this regulation should be deleted as it is already covered by law. - Ms. DiCorpo noted the commentary in green that was added in follow up to a question asked at the full Board meeting. 3432/3433 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement - Mrs. Rella said that additional commentary added from Legal states that it is fine to delete the reference to 3433, since dual numbering is when the same policy applies to multiple series and that is not the case here. Legal also approved the Board suggested language added in green since it reflects current practice and is the intent of the Board going forward. The change is also in line with Bylaw 9132 with respect to the responsibilities of the Operations subcommittee. - Mrs. Rella said these policies will automatically go back to the Board for second review.	B. Policies/Regulations for Second Review: 3321 Requesting Goods and Services (Requisitions) 3324.1 Contracts - Regulation 3432/3433 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement
4.	Discussion A. Policy Review Update:	Discussion A. Policy Review Update:

	1. 5132 Dress and Grooming - Ms. Hollander said Mr. Manka reached out to other districts who were in the process of reviewing their dress code policies and there was no real consensus of the process. Our next process step will be to form an advisory committee to review our policy, other district policies in our DRG, along with CAFE, and to offer feedback for the Board's consideration. - Mrs. Rella asked that the information be brought to the next Policy meeting so that any changes the Board might make could be reflected in the student handbooks for next year. Mrs. McInerney moved that district administrators form an advisory committee to provide feedback to the Board regarding the current dress code policy. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sarich. Motion passed unanimously.	1. 5132 Dress and Grooming Motion made and passed unanimously that district administrators form an advisory committee to provide feedback to the Board regarding the current dress code policy.
5.	Public Comment There was none.	Public Comment
6.	Adjourn Mrs. McInerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. seconded by Mr. Swanhall and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Olga I. Rella, Chairperson
Policy Sub-Committee