New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Motions & Minutes
October 6, 2026
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

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

Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Transportation

1.		**Call to Order** The New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mrs. Tammy McInerney	**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
2.		**Public Comment** None	**Public Comment** None
3.	**A.**	**Discussion and Possible Action** **Revised Policies for First Read:** **1. 4112.5 Employment and Student Teacher Background Checks 4212.5** **2. 4118.6 Policy Regarding Employee Use of the District's Computer Systems 4218.6 and Electronic Communications** **3. 5131 Student Discipline** Dr. Parlato reported on updates to several district policies following the July 1, 2026 legislative session. She noted that while the revised policies are currently active, minor technical updates remain necessary. Under policies 4112.5 and 4212.5, the district is now required to incorporate specific background inquiry questions during candidate evaluations. Dr. Parlato confirmed that complete language edits for all impacted policies will be provided.	**3. Discussion and Possible Action** **A. Revised Policies for First Read:** **1. 4112.5 Employment and Student Teacher Background Checks 4212.5** **2. 4118.6 Policy Regarding Employee Use of the District's Computer Systems 4218.6 and Electronic Communications** **3. 5131 Student Discipline**

		Regarding policies 4118.6 and 4218.6, Dr. Parlato highlighted new provisions addressing device monitoring protocols. Mr. Failla noted that all electronic devices issued to staff remain the sole property of the school district. Dr. Parlato stated policy 5131 now specifies that out-of-school suspensions require a student to cause "serious" physical harm, though the policy text itself does not formally define "serious." *Mrs. Herring moved to bring the following revised policies to the full Board for first read: 4112.5, 4212.5, 4118.6, 4218.6 and 5131. Seconded by Mr. Failla. Motion passed unanimously.*	Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the following revised policies to the full Board for first read: 4112.5, 4212.5, 4118.6, 4218.6 and 5131. Motion passed unanimously.
	B.	**Policies for Review:** **1. 6142.1 Curricular Exemptions** *No action taken.* **2. 5163: Transportation** Dr. Parlato reported that her office is still gathering data and will delay presenting a motion to the full board until all relevant information is collected. Mr. Giovannone presented a memo outlining historical background, current utilization, and three policy options regarding extra bus stops (licensed daycares, town-affiliated stops, and extracurricular stops). He noted that current policy does not support these stops or provide a mechanism for Central Office evaluation and approval, necessitating a policy amendment. Mrs. Sarich highlighted potential liability issues associated with alternative stops. Mr. Giovannone detailed Option 1 (enforce current policy/no action), Option 2 (amend to allow licensed daycare and town-affiliated stops only), and Option 3 (include all with established	**B. Policies for Review:** **1. 6142.1 Curricular Exemptions** **2. 5163: Transportation**

		criteria). In response to Mrs. Sarich, Mr. Giovannone confirmed there are no dedicated buses running to local businesses. Mrs. McInerney spoke in favor of supporting working parents with flexible bus stops. Mrs. Herring emphasized the need for a clear definition of applicable stops. Mr. Giovannone reviewed the origin of the issue and noted that extra stops are currently authorized through December 31st while data on seasonal utilization is gathered. Mrs. Sarich suggested permitting the stops to continue through the end of the school year. **3. Discussion and possible action regarding an attorney-client privileged communication about student transportation. Executive session anticipated.** *Mrs. Sarich moved for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose to discuss attorney-client privileged communication about student transporation. Invited into executive session was Dr. Janet Parlato. Seconded by Mrs. McInerney. Motion passed unanimously.* *The Board of Education Policy Subcommittee entered executive session at 7:36pm.* *The Board of Education Policy Subcommittee returned from executive session at 8:00pm.*	**3. Discussion and possible action regarding an attorney-client privileged communication about student transportation. Executive session anticipated.** Motion made for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose to discuss attorney-client privileged communication about student transporation. Invited into executive session was Dr. Janet Parlato and Mr. Giovannone. Motion passed unanimously.
4.	**A.** **B.**	**Items of Information** **4118.6 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Use of the District's Computer Systems** **4218.6 R and Electronic Communications** **4147.1 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Occupational Safety And Health** **4247.1 R (Bloodborne Pathogens)**	**4. Items of Information** **A. 4118.6 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Use of the District's Computer Systems** **4218.6 R and Electronic Communications** **B. 4147.1 R Administrative Regulations Regarding**

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	C. **D.** **E.**	**5131 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Student Discipline** **5141.221 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Immunizations** **5141.3R Administrative Regulations Regarding Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessments** No discussion.	**Occupational Safety and Health 4247.1 R (Bloodborne Pathogens)** **C. 5131 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Student Discipline** **D. 5141.221 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Immunizations** **E. 5141.3R Administrative Regulations Regarding Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessments**
5.		**Public Comment** None	**Public Comment**
6.		**Adjourn** *Mrs. Herring moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sarich, and passed unanimously.*	**Adjourn** Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Tammy McInerney, Chairperson