



## **Torrington Public Schools**

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### **Policy Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 6:00 P.M. Torrington School**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 6:01 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Todor, Ms. DePretis, Mr. Mangelinkx (Teacher Representative)  
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Fappiano, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Herold, Ms. Klimaszewski  
Excused: Ms. Richardson
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Todor made a motion to approve agenda, second by the Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Todor made a motion to approve the minutes, second by the Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. Begin the review of the 1000 Series, starting with the following Shipman policies that TBOE does not currently have:
    - Deadly Weapons/Firearms – The committee decided to omit optional exception C. This policy is moved to full board.
    - Green Cleaning Programs – Ms. DePretis asked about the students carrying their hand sanitizers, and asked if this is a violation of the green cleaning policy. The district has provided hand sanitizers that meet the green cleaning program. The policy does not mention the students. The administration will get the answers for the committee. This policy is moved to full board.
    - Security & Safety Plan – Every school has a security and safety plan. The purpose of this policy is to guarantee that we have such plans in place. This policy is moved to full board.
    - Sexual Offenders on School Property – This policy is moved to full board as agreed upon by the committee.
    - Smoking-. This policy is moved to full board as agreed upon by the committee.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on November 17, 2021.

- b. Review TPS policies in 1000 Series that S&G do not have:
    - Adult Education (former 7000 series) – Move to full board for removal.
    - Bilingual/bicultural education (#1005) – Move to full board to removal.
  - c. Bullying Policy
    - Current TBOE Policy #5010
    - Shipman & Goodwin Bullying Policy  
The policies are very similar. However, Shipman and Goodwin has updated their policy to reflect recent legislative updates. Ms. Fergusson reviewed the changes. The committee decided to adopt Shipman and Goodwin's policy, including our section XI. This policy is moved to full board. This policy is now entitled Bullying and Safe School Climate Plan.
7. Topics for Future Meetings:
  - a. Next Series 2000
8. Comments for the Good of the Order: (Paraphrased)  
Sue "Thank you for all the effort."  
Cathy "Thank you to Merisa."  
John "Thank you for the speed."  
Kim "Thank you to Merisa."  
Sue F. "Thank you to the committee for getting all of this going."  
Sue L. "Thank you to everyone."
9. Adjournment: Ms. Todor made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.