



## **Torrington Public Schools**

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### **Policy Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M. Migeon Avenue**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 7:51 P.M.
1. Roll Call: Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Todor, Ms. DePretis, Mr. Mangelinkx (Teacher Representative)  
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Herold, Ms. Klimaszewski
2. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Todor made a motion to amend to remove “special” from the title, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes: Ms. DePretis made a motion to amend the minutes to add Mr. Mangelinkx to the roll call list, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
4. Public Participation: None
5. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. Health Services #6100 – There have been changes to the law which require us to update this policy. The committee must decide if they want to go with one policy or two policies. The committee agreed with two policies. The committee discussed the new religious exemption law that was passed and decided they will discuss that at a later time when the State puts this law into effect. The committee decided to pass the following policies to the full BOE with the appropriate formatting:  
Shipman Model Policy: Health Assessment Screenings and Shipman Model Policy: Immunizations
  - b. Roles and Responsibilities of Committees #1028 BOE ByLaws  
Ms. Fergusson started the discussion by prefacing that Shipman and CAGE do not have a policy like this one. Most districts do not have this type of policy because the Board By-Laws dictate how committees are handled. The committee discussed whether to keep, revise, or eliminate this policy. Ms. Richardson stated that the spirit of this policy has district-wide impact and should be kept. Ms. Cappabianca asked how do we ensure that this policy is being followed? The attorney stated that we do not need this policy. The committee discussed policy vs. procedure. Ms. Cappabianca stated that if the committee decides to have this

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policy then is has to be clear: What is the district committee? What is the expectation? Ms. Hoehne wants to do away with this policy and see a procedure go into the staff handbook. The committee took a straw poll and 4 of 5 members voted to bring this policy to the full BOE with the recommendation to strike it from the manual.

6. Topics for Future Meetings:
  - a. Updates
  - b. Crosswalk TPS Policy Manual with Shipman's Index of Suggested Policies
  - c. Staff and Student Dress Code
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: None
8. Adjournment: Ms. Todor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Richardson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.