

Newport School District Policy Committee Meeting

Towle School/SAU 43 Office
86 North Main Street
Newport, NH 03773

July 16, 2026
10:00AM

AGENDA

Call to Order by Rob Wargo at 10:00am

Present: Nikki Murphy, Kate O'Connor, Caleb Godwin, Rob Wargo, Shannon Martin, Sarah Fischer

Kate O'Connor and Caleb Godwin left meeting at 10:30am

Nikki Murphy left meeting at 11:45am

Approval of Minutes from meeting June 9, 2026 motion by Nikki Murphy, seconded by Shannon Martin

Reviewing Policies:

a. DDG Grant Application and Acceptance of Grants presented by Kate O'Connor

- i. Kate will prepare procedures to be added to the guidebook
- ii. Motion made by Nikki Murphy to move proposed Policy DDG to the board for first read
- iii. Seconded by Shannon Martin
- iv. All in favor 6-0-0

b. EEAB Establishment of School Bus Routes presented by Kate O'Connor and Caleb Godwin

- i. Discussion around grammatical errors and BAAA. Because BAAA is written in policy we will strike BAAA on header.
- ii. Motion made by Nikki Murphy to move proposed Policy EEAB to the board for first read with changes
- iii. Seconded by Shannon Martin
- iv. All in favor 6-0-0

c. EH Public Access to School District Records

- i. Discussion around adding the word citizen to EH
- ii. Nikki Murphy stated this should be discussed also with legal
- iii. Motion made by Shannon Martin to move proposed Policy EH to the board for first read with changes
- iv. Seconded by Nikki Murphy

- v. All in favor 4-0-0
- d. EH-R Administrative Procedures for Responding to RSA 91A
 - i. request legal definition of persons (corporations, associations authorized by laws or territories of US) or citizens
 - ii. Need legal definition of person(s) and citizens
 - iii. Table and hold for next meeting and have call with legal
 - iv. Share with legal ahead of next meeting
 - v. Motion by Shannon Martin to **table** Policy EH-R
 - vi. Seconded by Nikki Murphy
 - vii. All in favor 4-0-0
- e. **GBEC Drug Free Workplace-Drug Free Schools**
 - i. Add the words in writing and 'c', correct headers
 - ii. Motion made by Nikki Murphy to move proposed Policy GBEC to the board for first read with changes
 - iii. Seconded by Shannon Martin Murphy
 - iv. All in favor 4-0-0
- f. **GBCAH Section 125 Plans presented by Kate O'Connor**
 - i. Spell out HSA to health savings account
 - ii. Motion made by Nikki Murphy to move proposed Policy GBCAH to the board for first read with grammatical change.
 - iii. Seconded by Sarah Fischer
 - iv. All in favor 6-0-0
- g. IC School Year
 - i. Motion made by Shannon Martin to **table** Policy IC for further review.
 - ii. Policy ICA is school calendar
 - iii. Seconded by Nikki Murphy
 - iv. All in favor 4-0-0
- h. **IGE Parental Objections to Specific Course Materials**
 - i. Motion made by Sarah Fischer to move proposed Policy IGE to the board for first read with language change pending attorney review by Rob.
 - ii. **DO NOT ADD TO 7/23/26 MEETING**
 - iii. Seconded by Shannon Martin
 - iv. All in favor 3-0-0
- i. **IHAM Health Education & Exemption from Instruction**
 - i. Motion made by Shannon Martin to move proposed Policy IHAM to the board for first read with changes recommended.
 - ii. Seconded by Sarah Fischer
 - iii. All in favor 3-0-0
- j. **IHBA Programs for Pupils with Disabilities**
 - i. Motion made by Shannon Martin to **table** Policy IHBA to the board for first read with grammatical change.
 - ii. Seconded by Sarah Fischer
 - iii. All in favor 3-0-0

k. IK Earning of High School Credit - Achievement of Competencies

- i. Motion made by Shannon Martin to move proposed Policy IK to the board for first read with change remove 4B and add wording.
- ii. Seconded by Sarah Fischer
- iii. All in favor 3-0-0

Confirm Rescinds

Motion made to rescind policies as listed below by Sarah Fisher, seconded by Shannon Martin, all in favor 3-0-0

- l. BG - Board Policy Development
- m. BGA - Policy Development System
- n. BGB - Policy Adoption
- o. BGE - Policy Dissemination
- p. BGF - Suspension of Policies

Future Policies to Discuss - add 4 more policies from previous superintendent folder, also field trip policy IJOA

Next meeting August 11, 2026

Motion made to adjourn by at 12:20 by Sarah Fisher
Seconded by Shannon Martin