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## Torrington Public Schools

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### **Policy Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 7:00 P.M. Migeon Avenue**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 7:05 P.M.
2. 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
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. DePretis made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. DePretis made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. #1028 Roles and Responsibilities of Committees – the regular BOE meeting brought this policy back to the committee. Ms. Richardson stated that if this policy gets moved into procedures, the administrators will draw up a procedure for the committee to look at before we remove this policy. Another option she suggested is reworking this policy. Ms. DePretis stated that her struggle is that other school districts do not have a policy like this. Mr. Kissko stated that the full board was not in favor of not having something in place of this policy, a policy or procedure in writing. Ms. Cappabianca reminded the committee that The Board does not vote on procedures, but they can view them for information. Shipman and Goodwin did not have a comfort level to rework this policy due to their belief that it was not legally sound since there is no reference to a legal statute. Ms. Cappabianca suggested to the committee to reference this in the BOE Bylaws that, “The central office administration and BOE will work together when forming district wide committees” etc. Central Office will also create a procedure for this. The committee agreed to do that prior to removing this policy from the manual.
  - b. #6088 Field Trips: The committee discussed the clarification on the requests. The Washington D.C. trip was denied at the administrative level, and it was brought

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forward with the denied dates to The Board. Ms. Fergusson wanted to make sure that this policy reads the way The Board intends for it to be read– as there are some trips that are denied and therefore do not make it to The Board level. This field trip will be discussed at a future School Improvement Committee meeting.

7. Topics for Future Meetings:
  - a. Amend the Bylaws
  - b. Field Trips
8. Comments for the Good of the Order (paraphrased.)

Fiona “Great meeting Ellen.”  
Sue L. “Thank you so much. It’s helpful to have open communication about the issues.”
9. Adjournment: Ms. Todor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.