

Policy Committee

AGENDA

November 3, 2015

6:00 PM @ SAU Offices

Members	Rich Cahoon - Chair, Janine Lesser, Dick Dunning, Kimberly Saunders Attendees: Rich Cahoon, Richard Dunning, Janine Lesser, Stephan Morrissey, Kimberly Saunders	
	Rich Cahoon called the meeting order at 6:13 p.m.	
I.	Approval of October 20, 2015 Minutes Richard Dunning moved to accept the minutes of October 20, 2015. Mr. Dunning amended to correct information under JFAB – related to how much outside families are charged for tuition and how our staff are charged. Janine second to approve the amendment and motion to accept. Unanimous. .	
	Old Business: 1. BEDH: Public Participation at Board Meetings (also included related KE and KEB) Kimberly Saunders referenced gray areas in the policy. There are a number of different types of public forums; the street, limited public forums, non-public sessions etc. Our policy allows for an open forum. Unless the policy says that it is limited, the board cannot say that it is not an agenda item or deny anyone from speaking. The second public period is limited to items on the agenda; it restricts the conversation which restricts their freedom of speech. A second public comment period after new business was added in the past. It was a way to make sure that people had the opportunity to speak. Kimberly Saunders said that there is the possibility of creating a public forum; allowing everyone present to speak. She added by saying that it needs to be limited to what is on the agenda or it is a public forum. Janine Lesser said that the reason for the three-day advanced notice is to allow time for preparation. Kimberly suggested striking the three-day advanced notice requirement. Janine Lesser said that she does not like the suggestion. Rich Cahoon said that we should have some idea of what the conversation will be; a warning is important. Rich Cahoon said that he was unclear whether we need the three days or if we should state that a proposed topic will be on a future agenda. Kimberly Saunders said that if it is not on the agenda it should not be discussed. The goal is not to limit what people talk about. It is to do it in an organized, meaningful, and fair way. Rich Cahoon asked that this be continued as old business at the next meeting. Kimberly Saunders cautioned that people may speak as long as it is not defamatory. 2. ILBA: Assessment of Educational Programs (also included NHSBA version: Assessment of Educational Programs, 2014). Rich Cahoon agreed that this looks fine as is and should move forward.	

3. Class Size: Research on Class size (Kimberly will update committee)
Kimberly will research and provide information at the Budget Work Session.

II.

New Business:

1. EAAA: Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property (NHSBA Version) also included is the DOE's Technical Advisory on the related RSA.

Kimberly Saunders referenced our policy as well as the NHSB draft. They are substantially different. One is aimed toward surveillance and the other toward instructional purposes.

We do have cameras in school. All of our surveillance is in public places; hallways, buses. The new law is about classrooms. Our surveillance is outside the classroom. We have a bus surveillance policy. We can put together a policy for the school; we have signage informing of surveillance.

The NHSB policy covers a lot of the movement around oversights when the law was implemented.

The goal was to protect the privacy rights of students and teachers. What they may not have understood was when we videotape for reasons of IEP or other. An amendment has already been filed. Teacher permission is needed for videotaping for purposes of evaluation.

The RSA is 189:68. The revision in the policy addresses the RSA.

Stephan Morrissey spoke about the enforceability of this policy. Students record all the time.

Kimberly Saunders said that the expectation is that you will have permission to do so. In terms of student discipline, they will be dealt with appropriately.

Janine Lesser said that you cannot stop any kind of recording.

Kimberly said that we obtain parental permission at the beginning of the school year. The policy talks about videotaping for a purpose with permission to do so.

Rich Cahoon said that this is about formal institutional professional development.

Richard Dunning said that if a student records, the policy says that they should not without permission.

Rich Cahoon said that permission to record is needed in the State of NH. What if we define the word "recording" as recording being conducted by the ConVal School District or its employees? This is a policy directed toward the district and its employees.

Richard Dunning asked why the change. Rich Cahoon said that he is trying to address Steve's concerns about students recording. There is no sanction for a student because it is not a student policy issue.

Dick Dunning said that he does not see that as a student issue.

Rich said that since the statute does not impose on students and only districts, he suggested removing the word "student" from number 2 on page 2. Agreed.

Rich Cahoon suggested deleting from the remaining sentences past the second sentence beginning with "In addition, there are times....extended absence" on page one in the first paragraph. Dick Dunning suggested checking with counsel; there may be very good reasons for placing that verbiage in the paragraph. Confirmed. Rich Cahoon asked that it be struck conditionally.

In terms of FERPA, annual notice is sent out in first day packets as well as others. Rich asked if we sell or share the data. Kimberly confirmed that we do not sell data. It is stated in the policy.

A public hearing will be scheduled before the next School Board meeting on November 17th. Do we need to waive our first read? Kimberly will confirm with counsel.

Richard Dunning motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.

IV.	Future Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Abuse Task Force @ CVHS and related policies --- November 17th meeting • IKF: Graduation Requirements --- November 17th meeting • Policy on Parents Observing Teachers • Scholarship policy 	
V.	Next Meeting: November 17, 2015 @ SAU Offices	

Respectfully submitted,

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