

Policy Committee

MINUTES

May 17, 2016

6:00 PM – Great Brook School

Members	Rich Cahoon, Janine Lesser, Thomas Kelly, Kristen Reilly, Stephan Morrissey, Kimberly Saunders Attendees: Rich Cahoon, Janine Lesser, Thomas Kelly (6:12 p.m.), Kristen Reilly, Stephan Morrissey (6:09 p.m.), Kimberly Saunders. Others Present: Richard Dunning, Steve Bartsch, River Marmorstein, Pierce Rigrod, Myron Steere, Marian Alese, Emily Daniels.	
1.	a. Approval of May 3, 2016 Minutes Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Janine Lesser moved to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.	
2.	Policies to the Board: The following policies are on tonight’s School Board agenda. Second Read: 1. KFA: Public Conduct on School Property No feedback received. First Read: 1. BDB: Board Officers 2. JLCE: Emergency Care and First Aid Rescind: 1. IHBCA: Pregnant Students	
3.	Old Business: 1. GBI: Has gone back to legal 2. JICHB: Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy seems more punitive than less punitive. Steve Bartsch reported a focus group of teachers and students were gathered for feedback. Mr. Bartsch said that the focus was that current policy was developed under different conditions almost 10 years ago. The re-write focused on new possibilities to consider. The opportunity to go to Assistant Superintendent and/or Superintendent is part of the potential. “Reasonable suspicion” to remove text would be acceptable but students wanted it explained (under Reasonable Suspicion). Define “Reasonable Suspicion”. This can still be included in the student handbook as a procedure. “Developmentally appropriate” was discussed. A statement that each school will develop and publish their procedures for communication purposes.	

	<p>Revisiting this policy yearly or every other year was suggested. It can be placed in the policy itself. Discussion took place about co-curricular expectations. Clarifications were made while reviewing the policy. Under first offense, suspecting one is under the influence; is there a process where students are being monitored? Emily Daniels reported that extreme caution is used when stating that a student is under the influence. One almost has to be caught red handed. Student Support Team is in place to discuss students of concern. Procedure should indicate that it is a counselor of student's choice and not necessarily a school counselor. Obligation to report to parents, police, etc. was discussed. School Counselors are not protected. It should be spelled out in the policy/procedure. If this should be placed elsewhere, it is not just related to drugs or alcohol. . This policy will return to the committee for the second meeting in June.</p> <p>3. GBK: Staff Concerns & Complaints Discussion under #3 of this policy was discussed; why go to the principal if you do not report to the principal. Kimberly reported that it is not a problem. It could say that it could be reported to the direct supervisor who will in turn share with building principal. Tom Kelly said that it makes sense the way it is written. The committee agreed that the ConVal policy was acceptable.</p>	
4.	<p>New Business:</p> <p>The following policies have recently been updated by the NH School Board Association. I have included their new version, as well as our existing policy where applicable. Also included is the NHSBA Summary pages explaining the update for each policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KF: Community Use of Schools (Usage fee for school is still being discussed by B & P.) 2. ECA: Buildings and Grounds Security 3. JK: Employment of Students– (this policy is dated 1991. There is no corresponding NHSBA version.) <p>This policy can be rescinded. We follow employment law. This information is included in handbooks. Stephan Morrissey moved to rescind. Second. Unanimous.</p>	
5.	<p>Pending Policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECA: Building and Grounds Security – this went to Admin Council on 4/14/16; they will bring back for further discussion in May (this is specific to the procedure). Fee schedule going back to B&P at next meeting. 2. IKG: Awards and Scholarships 3. JEDB: Student Release Precautions – this policy is dated 1991. Committee agreed to rewrite this policy. 4. JIH: Searches of Students, Student's Property, Lockers and Other School Owned Property. 5. JLIE: Student Automobile Use 6. Strategic Plan related policies – the following policies are the first to be identified to be directly affected by the Strategic Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Class size b. Security 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Communications d. Assessment e. Graduation Requirements 	
6.	<p>Nonpublic: if needed. Pierce Rigrod moved to enter non-public session at 6:45 p.m. Unanimous on a roll call vote.</p> <p>Stephan Morrissey motioned to exit non-public session at 6:53 p.m. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.</p> <p>Stephan Morrissey motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session for adversely affecting the reputation of a person or student. Unanimous.</p> <p>Stephan Morrissey moved to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Unanimous.</p>	
7.	Next Meeting: June 7, 2016 at the SAU Office	

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok