

# Policy Committee

## Minutes

September 20, 2016

6:00 PM – SAU #1 Offices

<b>Members</b>	Rich Cahoon - Chair, Janine Lesser, Thomas Kelly, Kristen Reilly, Stephan Morrissey, Kimberly Saunders, Marian Alese  Attendees: Rich Cahoon, Janine Lesser, Kristen Reilly, Stephan Morrissey, Marian Alese, Kimberly Saunders	
1.	Meeting called to order: the meeting was called to order at 6:03,  a. Approval of September 6, 2016 Minutes --- Stephan moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Kristen. All in favor. Minutes accepted as written.	
2.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Read Policies:</b>  The following policy going to the Board tonight for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> read:  JBAA: Sexual Harassment – Students No comments were received since last Board meeting. This policy moves forward tonight.	
3.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Read Policies:</b>  The following policy will be presented as a 1 <sup>st</sup> read at tonight’s Board meeting.  1. IKFB: Graduation Regalia (note, we could also include this information in existing policy, JICA, Student Dress Code, or present as a separate policy.  This policy will move forward tonight using the call letters identified in these minutes.	
4.	<b>New Business:</b>  1. NHSBA 2016 Fall Policy Update Description (where applicable, I have attached our existing policy to each of the updated policies)  a. ACE: Procedural Safeguards: NonDiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability (both versions) --- Kimberly recommends sending this to Dean or we can wait until Kimberly attends the Bradley F. Kidder Educational Law Conference (Oct. 5).  b. EBBC/JLCE: Emergency Care and First Aid (both versions) – Our policy will stand as written, for now.  c. EEA: Student Transportation Services (both versions) - we have the potential if a child is parent-placed in a charter public school, we may have to provide transportation, in addition to other services. Kimberly will probably be attending the hearing on this legislation. This addresses special needs students in a public	

charter school; we would have to contract with the charter school to pay for additional services, if we were obligated to provide transportation for a private or public charter school in our area. We do not normally transport elementary students from town to town. Transportation is the right of the child until the age of 14. We will wait on this policy until more information is available. We are not the only district watching this. We will hear more about this at the Kidder Law Conference on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

d. EEAA: Video and Audio Recordings on School Property (both versions, though we removed the word Audio from the policy) – no additional work on this. Our existing policy stands as written.

e. EF: Food Service Management (also included Wellness policy) – this makes no provision for outsourcing. Marian will follow up on this policy. We do adhere to this policy. There is a movement about not being able to collect for the meals. It's so much work and expense involved that districts may just pay the cost of feeding the students; it is a \$1 million dollar expense to cover this district. The concern is around collecting the monies. If this legislation is what some people are interpreting, why bother going through the F & R process. Marian indicated that she thinks there are some who feel they don't need to pay their bill. There is potential for abuse. The regulations are very cumbersome for everyone involved. Kimberly indicated there is also a push from some of the poorer communities to lower the numbers on the income guidelines and move to free only.

We are in line with the reimbursements but some districts are not. We may, at some point, have to raise our prices. We will wait this one out until further action occurs. Marian will make sure our existing policy applies regarding outsourcing.

f. GBCD: Background Investigation and Criminal Record Check --- Kimberly feels we should wait on this policy --- Janine feels they have made this policy more restrictive. Kimberly gave an example of how a child predator can plea down to a misdemeanor and then is able to get a job with children. This is a pattern that is used. We are just trying to protect our children. Presently we get notification that there may be a misdemeanor, but we don't know what it is. This will be an Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> law conference discussion policy. We will wait to hear an outcome.

g. IHBA: Evaluation Requirement for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities (both versions) --- Our existing policy stands as written.

h. IKF: High School Graduation (both versions; their version included IKFA: Early Graduation) – this is about the civic engagement piece. There will be no exam but we will do a project/assessment. We do not require US Government --- we should add something to our graduation policy. We can bring this to a future Ed Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** List this policy as a future Education Committee agenda item.

i. IMDA: Patriotic Exercises (both versions) --- we already observe Constitution Day; **ACTION:** we will add Memorial and Veteran's Day to existing policy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>j. JCA: Change of School or Assignment (both versions) --- Kimberly feels she should show this to our Legal Counsel.</li> <li>k. JJJ: Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter Schools, and Home-Educated Pupils (new) --- we have an existing policy. Rich wonders if there are other related policies that may not be worded as friendly as we think our policy is. We do not get any adequacy for a student enrolled for less than half a day. The state provides a payment for home education parents. Rich feels we should be a welcoming as we can be. <b>ACTION:</b> Kimberly will work on making this (and related) policies friendlier.</li> <li>l. JLCD: Administering Medication to Students (both versions) --- We will have the nurses look at this policy for content.</li> <li>m. JLCE: Emergency Care and First Aid (both versions) --- Our existing policy will stand as written.</li> <li>n. KB: Title I Family and Community Engagement Policy (both versions) --- Kimberly feels we should hold this until we know more about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).</li> <li>o. KLG: Relations with Police Authorities – Rich feels this is a sloppy policy. Presently, we do not have this policy.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>For an unidentified future meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IKG: Awards and Scholarships – Marian</li> <li>2. JEDB: Student Release Precautions – this policy is dated 1991. Committee agreed to rewrite this policy.</li> <li>3. JLIE: Student Automobile Use</li> <li>4. Strategic Plan Goal 1 Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. IF: Instructional Approach</li> <li>b. IFA: Instructional Needs of Students with Different Talents</li> <li>c. IGA: Curriculum Development</li> <li>d. IHBA: Programs for Students with Disabilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Moved to adjourn meeting by Stephan Morrissey, seconded by Janine Lesser. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.</b></p>	
6.	<b>Non-Public: RSA 91-A:3,II</b> (if required)	
7.	Next Meeting: October 4, 2016 @ 6:00 PM	

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Hills*