

CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458-1197

POLICY COMMITTEE

December 18, 2018

SAU Finch Room

6:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

Rich Cahoon – Chair, Janine Lesser, Kristen Reilly, Crista Salamy, Jerry Wilson, Stephan Morrissey, Kimberly Saunders, Ann Forrest

Attendees: Janine Lesser, Stephan Morrissey, Jerry Wilson, Rich Cahoon, Myron Steere, Kristen Reilly, Ann Forrest, Kimberly Saunders

1. Call to Order & Approval of November 6, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 6th by Stephan Morrissey, seconded by Janine Lesser. Unanimous.

2. Policies to the Board:

The following policies will be presented for a first read at tonight's Board meeting:

- a) BEC: Non-Public Sessions (review/approve edits)
- b) BEDG: Minutes
- c) BHC/GBD: Board-Employee Communications
- d) CHCA: Approval of Handbooks and Directives
- e) JFAB: Admission of Tuition of Nonresident Students

3. New Policies for Discussion:

- a) IHBG: Home Education – this policy was updated by NHSBA in Spring 2018; our procedure requires a revision. Also included is the NHSBA Procedure.

The Superintendent spoke to the Home Education policy and noted that ConVal is welcoming to home education families who subsidize their education with actual classroom attendance. Currently a home-educated student can access our curriculum and classroom time. Stephan Morrissey asked if we can customize a curriculum for them, we do not.

Many times these children are revolving home-educated students.

There are times when home schooling is used to run away from other issues, such as attendance and discipline.

Kristen Reilly asked how many children we know of who home school. A rough estimate of 150 presently.

Stephan Morrissey asked if we provide the parent with any type of packet. We do not, but we do provide information as to their options in attending class activities.

Rich Cahoon asked if a parent is dissatisfied with a particular subject, can they home educate on that subject? Would they receive credit for that, especially at the high school level?

We do not administer GED exams; High Set administers it. Students can attend high school until they are 21, when they age out, or they receive their diploma.

Rich Cahoon discussed potential problems that a student or parent might have with a teacher or principal and how might this tie in with our school choice options.

Janine Lesser asked what the RSA says? How can we get adequacy from those attending part time?

Do we have someone who will work with these families?

Does it make sense to differentiate between classes/courses/grade levels?

We do not get penalized when our students utilize VLACS. We provide textbooks and other curriculum needs if possible.

Myron Steere mentioned hosting an elementary school level open house to appeal to home educated families; show them what we have to offer.

Rich Cahoon would like us to think about this for the next meeting and we will work from the NHSBA policy version.

b) IMBA: Distance Education

This is a NHSBA version that was edited by Education Committee (edits in red). We do not have this policy but we do mention distance education in other policies.

Does this apply to the high school only, or does it apply to all schools.

The Superintendent indicated that she would like the Assistant Superintendent to review any distance education courses being requested.

Education Committee has a concern about students' progress, and our inability to check progress/completion.

Dr. Forrest spoke of the advantage of being able to work at one's own pace. She also spoke to what the student might need from the school or district to be successful. Kristen Reilly asked if the plan could include check-ins?

Stephan Morrissey asked if Home Schoolers are utilizing distance education. We are moving to a competency-based world.

Janine Lesser asked if online programs would provide a timeline for the course/program. Yes, most do.

Distance learning and extended learning programs are not the same thing.

The student will be responsible for providing us with specific details for the course. We would apply the same standards that we apply to our own curriculum.

Kristen Reilly asked if we have students who actually travel as part of a distance education course? Not usually.

The Superintendent has concerns about part C of the policy and the following paragraph. How could we assign a teacher to support a student who is taking Russian elsewhere? We could support a student with a Chromebook.

How do students in our district utilize distance learning?

Identifying the support staff should be part of the planning process, as well as identifying other needs. We have both middle and high school students who utilize distance learning.

Meeting called at this point of the discussion

Will bring back to next meeting.

Move to adjourned by Stephan Morrissey, seconded by Kristen Reilly.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

- c) JJJ: Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter School, and Home Educated Pupils

Returning

- a) EFDA: Overdue Accounts

Pending from Past Meetings: Status Report -- They are not included in this packet but will appear on a future agenda.

- b) STA Kindergarten Drop-off Procedure: under review by Legal and Bus Company
- c) EEAG – Use of Private Vehicles on School Business: Changed “teacher’s to “employees” in paragraph two. The Superintendent wants to discuss Legal’s edits with Dean Eggart.
- d) ILD & ILD-R: Non-Educational/Non-Academic Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research – pulled pending further research.
- e) JLD: Guidance Counselors: awaiting feedback from Legal

5. Strategic Plan Related Policies: Not in this packet

The following policies fall under the Assessment category for the Strategic Plan and will first go before the **Education Committee**. They are not included in this packet but will appear on a future agenda.

- a) IGA: Curriculum Development
- b) IHBH: Extended Learning Opportunities
- c) IHBI: Alternative Learning Plans
- d) IK: Earning of Credit
- e) ILBA: Assessment of Educational Programs
- f) ILBAA: High School Competency Assessments
- g) IMBC: Alternative Credit Options

Communications Committee:

- a) Community Partnerships: KCB;

6. **Next Meeting:** January 8, 2019