

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

February 5, 2019

SAU Finch Room

6:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

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

Attendees: Rich Cahoon, Janine Lesser, Jerry Wilson, Stephan Morrissey, Kristen Reilly, Dr. Ann Forrest

1. Call to Order & Approval of January 22, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to Order at 6:05 PM.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes of January 22nd; the motion was seconded by Jerry Wilson.

All in favor.

2. Policies to the Board:

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

IMBA: Distance Education

Janine Lesser thinks we should pull this policy from tonight's Board meeting until we get more feedback from a previous discussion surrounding VLACS. Dr. Forrest feels this discussion was around graduation requirements and the role VLACS can play. Is there an issue around taking a Distance education course as a senior, as they might not be able to complete the course and therefore could not graduate? We can address this through different policies. VLACS is not prepared for the future. Learn Everywhere is a new certification program at the DOE; it is coming. They do have benchmarks for each certification.

Janine Lesser thought that getting the credit from different places was not the issue, but taking courses in their senior year that is interfering with the ability to graduate was the issue. A discussion ensued regarding policies that might address this new path. We have a graduation requirements policy, but nothing that specifies that required courses need to be completed by a specific timeframe (prior to senior year). The high school voiced concern about students not completing their courses. This policy exempts VLACS. Janine Lesser asked what do we do about the cheating? How much rigor is there for last-minute attempts to get a required credit in the spring of a final year?

Kristen Reilly asked what type of credits we are referring to with Learn Everywhere. Who will pay for those outside programs? Will the state certify them? This applies to high school only.

Rich Cahoon doesn't mind if we pull the policy tonight but in needs to come back eventually. The committee decided to submit the policy for a first read tonight.

3. Policies for Discussion

New Policies for Discussion:

- a) GADA: Employment References and Verification (Prohibiting Aiding and Abetting of Sexual Abuse) -- New from NHSBA Sept. 2018 – this is a priority policy
Rich Cahoon agrees this is an important policy from the Legislature. What is "good faith"? We are obligated to provide relevant information.
Dr. Forrest feels it might be difficult to implement this policy. Rich Cahoon thinks we need a procedure as to the hiring process. A typo in the NHSBA version was noted.
What obligation, as a district, do we have if we're not being contacted for information/feedback by another district?
ACTION: Send for a first read.

- b) JJJ: Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter School, and Home Educated Pupils. The NHSBA changed the category from Optional to Recommended. Additional Legal References have also been made. Both the NHSBA and ConVal versions are included in this packet. The committee compared the two policies. Janine Lesser thinks our policy is more encouraging. She asked where we are on the adequacy issue. This really does not apply to that. Add sentence to model noting sincerity from our policy to the NHSBA version.
ACTION: Add text and send for a first read.

Follow up:

- a) STA Kindergarten Drop-off Procedure: under review by Legal and Bus Company
*The Bus Company has expanded the age of "drop off with parent present" to Pre-K thru Grade 2. Do we still require Legal comment on this policy?
Rich Cahoon, as a parent as a second grader, indicated that this is not happening. No one in the room has signed the form. The committee feel this policy still has issues and wonders how is it being implemented? The language is stronger in theory, but it is being implemented haphazardly. They use the term "adult", which is not realistic. In many household, the high school student or Jr. High school student is the one at home greeting their elementary siblings. Pick-up Patrol checks the ID of who is picking up the student.
What do we want them to do?
Questions raised included: Does it depend on the driver; did the form even go home to parents? We are responsible for the student door-to-door.
ACTION: The superintendent will speak with the Bus Company regarding implementation.

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Wilson, seconded by Stephan Morrissey. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Existing Polices That Require Updating: includes NHSBA updated policies

- a) GBEC: Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools (also applies to identical policy ADB, not included)
- b) GBED: Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession In and On School Facilities and Grounds (this also affects identical policies ADC & JICG, which are not included in this packet)

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

- b) 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 Eggert.
- c) ILD & ILD-R: Non-Educational/Non-Academic Questionnaires, Surveys, and Research – pulled pending further research.
- d) JLD: Guidance Counselors: awaiting feedback from Legal
- e) IHBG: Home Education – Returning for further discussion. Superintendent status report
- f) EFDA: Overdue Accounts – awaiting additional content on reconciliation of overdue accounts

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:** March 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hills