

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2019

SAU Finch Room

6:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

Rich Cahoon – Chair, Janine Lesser, Crista Salamy, Jerry Wilson, Stephan Morrissey, Tim Theberge

Attendees: Janine Lesser, Stephan Morrissey, Rich Cahoon, Tim Theberge, Jerry Wilson, Crista Salamy (6:36)
Myron Steere, Dr. Ann Forrest, Cari Coates, Dr. Kimberly R. Saunders

1. Call to Order & Approval of September 3, 2019 Minutes

Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at: 6:01 p.m.

Move to accept the minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the September 3 meeting made by Stephan Morrissey and seconded by Janine Lesser. Unanimous.

2. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (If Required)

a. Review of Sealed Minutes

3. Policies to the Board:

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

- a) ACE: Procedural Safeguards Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
- b) BCB: School Board Conflict of Interest – suggestion to add the term “knowingly” to the sentence regarding Board responsibilities. Committee decided to keep the text as is.
- c) EFA: Availability and Distribution of Healthy Foods
- d) EH: Public Use of School Records

The following policies have been forwarded to Dean Eggert for review:

- a) EHB: Data Retention – returning for further discussion
- b) GBEA: Staff Ethics – NHSBA 2019 Update; also includes our current policy
- c) GBEB: Staff Conduct – NHSBA 2019 Update; we do not have this policy
- d) JFABD: Education of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth – Priority policy, NHSBA 2019 Update; also includes our current policy JFABD: Admission of Homeless Students
- e) JFABE: Education of Children in Foster Care – NHSBA 2019 Update

4. Discussion

- a) JCA: Change of School or Assignment – contains both NHSBA version and ours --- did not discuss this policy.

- b) JIA: Student Due Process – NHSBA 2019 Update; also includes our current version, dated 2014. Our policy does not contain any content specific to student disabilities.

ACTION: See edits and bring back to next meeting.

- c) JLCF: Wellness Policy – Cari Coates discussed the NHSBA version of this policy. She prefers the NHSBA policy; how it's laid out even though there is more content. Ms. Coates would like to take the NHSBA version back to the Wellness Committee. Tim Theberge does not like some of the content in the NHSBA version.

Rich Cahoon spoke about how this committee came to terms with the existing policy. This policy needs to be reviewed by the Policy Committee annually. Cari Coates feels the NHSBA version answers questions for the public/staff that the existing policy does not. The Café Services educated a lot of people about the food guidelines. Janine Lesser and Rich Cahoon both feel the NHSBA version should be an R-Procedure. We will keep this now as it has been reviewed. Reviewed on September 17, 2019. How will someone know whether or not this policy was reviewed? Will discuss "Reviewed on" at a future meeting.

- d) JLF: Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect – Priority policy; NHSBA 2019 Update; also includes our current police and our current procedure

Is the first paragraph still current? Is NH a mandatory reporting state? We believe so. The initial report can be made to the Principal but ultimately needs to be made by the person who originally suspected the abuse.

Action: Bring back to next meeting.

Stephan Morrissey motioned to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Janine Lesser.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hills

Future Agenda item: the Reviewed note