

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

POLICY COMMITTEE

February 18 2020

SAU Finch Room

6:00 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

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

Present: Rich Cahoon, Janine Lesser, Jerry Wilson, Stephan Morrissey, Katherine Heck, Tim Theberge, Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Dr. Ann Forrest

1. Call to Order & Approval of January 21, 2020 Minutes

Rich Cahoon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Janine Lesser moved to accept the minutes of January 21, 2020. Tim Theberge second.

Unanimous.

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

a) Review of Sealed Minutes

None.

3. The following policy will be submitted for a second read at the February 18th School Board meeting:

GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest

Rich Cahoon reported receiving feedback on this policy. The recommendation is to strike the word "outside" in number one to read "Employees shall not participate for financial remuneration in outside activities...". Confirmed.

This will go forward for a second read at tonight's School Board meeting.

The following policies will be submitted for a first read at the February 18th School Board meeting:

- a) ADC, GBED, & JICG: Prohibitions Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco products, E-Cigarettes, and E-Liquids In and On School Facilities and Grounds
- b) IHAMA: Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco
- c) JLCFA: Feminine Hygiene Products

Stephan Morrissey shared the comment that “sticks” are a form commonly used by youth as a form of accessing tobacco products based on a NHPR report he heard.

It was noted that the “not limited to” statement covers this.

Pending Policies:

- a) IHCD Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses & Stem Dual & Concurrent Enrollment Programs. Identical policy is LEB

Dr. Ann Forrest said that revisions were proposed to alternative credit policies. Substantive changes should be brought to the Education Committee otherwise, to Policy.

IHBI is one policy, IMBC is another for consideration.

- b) IMGA: Service Animals -- packet includes our existing policy & a revise NHSBA version from 2018

Dr. Forrest said that ConVal policy IMG is the policy on Animals in School. PES is not proposing a Service Animal. Our Policy, IMG, Animals in School is the most relevant policy. A policy IMGB, from Laconia was reviewed by PES. It is specific to Laconia as far as can be determined. In addition, Keene has a policy IMG and information about therapy dogs in their related procedure.

When the dog is initially brought in the fall, there will be no children in the building. The Animals in School Policy covers this. An organization is being worked with that will detail what is put in place and how it will be rolled out. This summer, a very detailed plan of the rollout for the following school year will be shared.

Jerry Wilson asked if there are any legal ramifications that should be considered.

Rich Cahoon said that at the Policy Committee, it was stated that the Education Committee would make a recommendation. Ann said that we already have a policy in place.

Janine Lesser asked if a Board vote is required for this to move forward.

Dr. Forrest further spoke about a pilot program rollout.

Rich Cahoon said that there is a legitimate question on policy about this. Not all are comfortable with dogs.

Dr. Forrest said that she understands that they are looking for a feel on how comfortable we are with this. Jerry Wilson thought that a presentation to the board would be given.

Dr. Forrest said that the policy on Animals in School could be expanded.

Rich Cahoon said that Larry Pimental (PES Principal) could present to the board and asked to look into it further.

It was suggested that Primex should be checked with.

Rich Cahoon said that we are not ready for policy discussion. This should go on a future board agenda.

Do we need to change the policy to account for the possibility for the dog to come?

Dr. Forrest said that the initial intent is to bring the dog in when students are not in the school.

c) JLDBB: Suicide Prevention and Response – new priority policy

Discussion took place about this policy. Designated volunteers would require some form of training. This policy has to be in place for July 1, 2020.

The first training must be conducted nine months later; March 2021.

Rich Cahoon said that paragraph A instructs Cari Coates.

The coordinator for ConVal is also Cari Coates.

Handbooks would communicate responsibilities.

A policy should not have to restate the law.

The policy includes additional recommendations that are not part of the law. The policy was reviewed in the area of who is required to have the two-hour training.

Dr. Kimberly Saunders said that Policy Committee/Administration can review it and strike the items that are not in the law. Cari Coates will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Returning in March: not in this packet

- d) GBEAB: Mandatory Code of Conduct Reporting – All Employees (we do not have this policy but it is a referenced policy in recently adopted JLF: Reporting Child Abuse)
- e) GBEED: Employee Use of Social Networking Websites

Tim Theberge motioned to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Jerry Wilson second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok