

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Road
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CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Policy Committee

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

Physical Location: ConVal High School Library
184 Hancock Rd., Peterborough, NH

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Minutes

School Board Committee Members:

- Katherine Heck
- Janine Lesser
- Kevin Pobst
- Tim Theberge
- Stephen Ullman

Present: Janine Lesser, Katherine Heck, Kevin Pobst, Tim Theberge, Stephen Ullman, Dr. Kimberly Saunders

1. Call Meeting to Order

Janine Lesser called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. Accept Minutes of July 21, 2020

Katherine Heck moved to accept the minutes of July 21, 2020. Stephen Ullman second. Unanimous.

3. DFEA: Free Admissions

Katherine Heck suggested creating a list of policies that might be suspended under one blanket policy and take the suspensions off as they become appropriate.

Tim Theberge said that this policy talks about free admission and not permitting the public to show up for anything. All this says is that we don't charge admission for those 65 and above.

Janine Lesser asked if Katherine's proposal for one blanket policy of suspended policies is a good idea. For some of these policies, they don't need to be suspended, they need to be added to.

The Policy Committee decided to leave this policy, DFEA, as is.

Kevin Pobst said that if the concern had been that the policy discussed invites people to the district, it would be agreeable to suspend.

Janine Lesser said that as we go through this list, those policies identified for suspension will be detailed as such.

EBBD: Indoor Air Quality

Tim Theberge said that this talks about the emissions of vehicles. We are adding new filters and ionization systems but COVID does not impact emissions.

This policy will remain intact as agreed upon by the committee.

EBCB: Fire Drills

Janine Lesser asked if we would still carry out fire drills. Kimberly Saunders said that we are required to do so by law.

The committee decided that policy this will remain in place as is.

EBCD: Emergency Closings

Janine Lesser said that this policy looks perfect. It delivers exactly what the Superintendent needs.

No change to this policy was agreed upon.

EBCE: School Closings

Katherine Heck said that this policy is very weather related. Does it need to be expanded? Taking the word "weather" out might be considered.

Janine Lesser said that it is missing a reference to social media.

Other situations might be added to refer to conditions other than weather. Using "when conditions..." was suggested.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to make necessary changes and bring this policy back.

ECA: Buildings and Grounds Security

Adding "...or a contracted service provider" was suggested. Agreed.

"Security personnel" was suggested.

EEAA: Video Surveillance on School Property

The committee agreed that this policy should remain in place as is.

EEAB: Video and Audio Recording for Instructional and Professional Development Purposes

Discussion on this policy was set aside.

EEAG: Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students and for Other School Purposes

Kimberly said that this policy might be one to suspend. How a child gets to school is complicated. If we want people to transport their own children or in small groups, this policy should be suspended.

Kimberly agreed.

Kevin asked if the entire policy should be suspended or if the second paragraph still has application.

Kimberly said that we might state that anyone (staff) who is transporting students might be required to provide evidence of insurance. Kimberly agreed to look into further.

JFAB: Admission and Tuition of Nonresident Students

Kimberly Saunders asked the committee if they want to bring in any additional tuition students. She has said no to bringing in any foreign exchange students for this year.

Staff members have asked if they can bring their children here this year.

The policy states that "The Superintendent shall establish criteria for the admission of nonresident students"

More discussion in non-public session.

JHCC: Communicable Disease Control Policy

Janine Lesser said that this is where the mask requirement might fit in.

Four RSA's reference this. Changes to reflect RSA references and additional changes to pronouns will be incorporated.

JIC: Student Conduct

Kimberly Saunders said that she included this policy but not see any changes needed.

Tim Theberge said that it references rules, and mask requirements will be part of our rules.

JICC: Student Conduct on School Buses

No changes needed.

Is the authority of bus drivers supported further? Kimberly Saunders said that if students do not follow the direction of the bus driver, the student is written up and it is provided to the principal. It is handled as a discipline issue between the school and the parent.

Bus rules should be sent home in support of this policy, paragraph four.

An addendum could be written to support this policy and sent home to families.

JICD: Student Discipline and Due Process

Should consequences be identified in the handbook for not wearing masks? Kimberly said that if a student does not come to school with a mask and does not want to comply, they have the option to educate remotely.

A rule in every handbook that references that masks will be required until which time the emergency order has been lifted could be stated.

It will be made explicit in the addendum.

Kevin Pobst said that if we want these policies to no longer need further adjustment, we could say “anytime there is an emergency such as.....”. It was agreed that “when conditions warrant” language was appropriate. It will be included in the addendum to the handbook.

Stephen Ullman said that some would never declare a State of Emergency under any condition.

Kevin Pobst said that language around public health emergencies might be included.

A broad policy might be considered to allow overlap.

For refusal to conform to “School” rules under D was added.

Tim Theberge said that dress code refers to the handbook and the handbook talks about clothing. Do masks constitute clothing? Masks have graphics. Kimberly said that they are included.

Kimberly Saunders will follow up.

KF: Community Use of Schools

It was suggested to suspend this policy until further notice. We can’t arbitrarily have some groups use the schools and not others.

The committee agreed. Use of schools for community use was agreed for suspension and a vote of the board.

KFA: Public Conduct on School Property

Kimberly suggested that language saying that “failure to follow the direction of school personnel...” might be included.

Should we be explicit and say “Masks required”?

The policy authorizes administration directive.

No changes needed to this policy.

Stating that the mask requirement applies to all areas. KFA, JHCC, JICC, JICD should be cross referenced in the mask requirement.

KI: Visitors in Schools

Kimberly said that this policy should be suspended. We will not have visitors in schools.

If a parent wants to come to the school to pick up their child or meet with the teacher, how would that take place? They would ring the bell, identify themselves, but not enter the building.

Katherine Heck said that the first paragraph could be suspended. The intent is not so that parents can't speak to teachers or principals. We are not looking to alienate parents.

A policy that is equitable across schools is needed.

Kevin Pobst said that if we suspend it we are not applying clear guidance. Agreed.

Clarifying this across all schools was agreed upon.

"It will be the practice of buildings not to admit visitors until the School Board....." was suggested.

"If a person needs to contact anyone in the building, they need to go through "X".

Kimberly Saunders agreed to work on this policy and bring it back.

Kimberly Saunders referenced "Emergency Policy on Personal Protective Measures".

Call letters would be assigned. This will be reviewed and brought forward for consideration. This is a PPE Social Distancing Pandemic Transmission Measures policy.

4. Other

None.

5. Adjourn

Katherine Heck motioned to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Kevin Pobst second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok