

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

Policy Committee

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Physical Location: None

Virtual Location:

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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, Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Lori Schmidt

1. Call Meeting to Order

Janine Lesser called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Accept Minutes of August 11, 2020

Tim Theberge moved to accept the minutes of August 11, 2020. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous.

3. Review Policy:

DFA: Investment

Katherine Heck referenced three RSA's that should be included:

- Legal References: RSA 197:23-a, Treasurer's Duties
- RSA 386:57, Security of Certain Deposits of Public Funds
- RSA 383:22, Public Deposit Investment Pool

4. Develop mask/social distance policy

a. Emergency Policy on Personal Protective Measures: Face Masks and Cloth Face Coverings
Work is underway to develop a face mask policy.

We would have a new policy on Masks and related issues.

The emergency mask policy (red-lined version) has been sent to legal. Tim Theberge said that his intent is to have a stand-alone policy to turn on and off as needed. Call letters will be identified by the NHSBA. Discussion took place about making this a timeless version i.e. remove references to influenza.

Kimberly Saunders shared that she is more concerned about making existing policies properly put together for the fall rather than policies that do not currently exist. In absence of policy, the Superintendent can make decisions.

There are several policies that need to be made timeless.

Discussion about holding a policy workshop to rework policies in need of it. Often followed the spring and fall updates. Identifying the top policies that need work is a good idea.

Katherine said that she would like staff and nursing to weigh in on what is acceptable in terms of face coverings. As research comes out, our information will change.

Katherine Heck exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

5. Review of policy suspension/changes/blanket approach to support school health and safety
EBCE - will go for a first read.

EBCF – Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies (rather than JHCC)

Kimberly Saunders said that her concern is what we have in place has been worked on by the nurses. If we adopt EBCF, it would be in place of JHCC.

Katherine Heck cautioned to be aware of what is possible when it talks about days, weekends etc.

Tim Theberge said that it is almost too specific.

Kimberly Saunders said that she will go over it and add it to the list for legal review and bring it back to the Policy Committee.

This will return to Policy Committee.

ECA - Can go forward as a first read with changes.

JICD - Incorporating language about wearing a mask in handbooks “when conditions warrant masks will be worn as directed by building administration”. This will go forward for a first read.

Discussion took place about the financial policies. References in DFA need to be in line with our lower limit and federal rules. If our policy states \$15K, we need to treat all money that comes into the district in the same way.

KI - Visitors in Schools – Distinguishing the difference between “visitors” and “families” is a point. The piece that might be added is wording on procedure that is explicit about how a parent would seek permission to pick up their child or meet with someone. That might be put in the handbook for protocols.

Kimberly Saunders said that she struggles with all of it. Distinguishing between the two is important. If parents need a meeting, then they will need to contact the office to set up a remote meeting. In person meetings will only be possible should the Superintendent deem it possible.

Kevin Pobst said that some sort of distinction about how a parent can get a meeting scheduled is needed. Localized outbreaks might require switches to be turned on with regard to policies.

A phrase should be included that allows policies to be activated or deactivated.

6. Other

None

7. Adjourn

Tim Theberge motioned to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Kevin Pobst second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok