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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Policy Committee

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Physical Location: ConVal High School Library

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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, Dr. Ann Forrest, Lori Schmidt, Robert Short, Jr., Jim Fredrickson

1. Call meeting to order
Janine Lesser called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
2. Approve the minutes from November 17, 2020
Stephen Ullman moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020. Katherine Heck second. Unanimous.
3. Update on any policies returned from legal: Title IX series AC **Non-Discrimination**, ACAC **Sexual Harassment & Grievance**, GBAA **Sexual Harassment, Employees/Staff**, JBAA **Sexual Harassment Students**, JICK **Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention** and EHAC **Electronic/ Digital Records & Signatures**
Kimberly Saunders reported that legal review is pending.
4. Update on EBCG **Communicable & Infectious Disease** review by Cari Coates and Gretchen Shippee
Janine Lesser said that this policy was looked at in August as part of the activity the committee was doing to determine the impact. This is on the Spring update and that is why it came back again.
A policy on masks and PPE was developed as well.
5. JLCG **Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard** will go on a second read December 15th
Tim Theberge said that the Superintendent has wide authority to determine a student as a hazard or risk by statute. The purpose of policy is to communicate it to the public that it can happen and place additional parameters around what it looks like at ConVal.

Kevin Pobst said that he looked at multiple policies related and they are meant to work as a set and reinforce each other. They presume each other. He said that he had no issue with EBCG. It is a pulling together of all of the authority. JHCC is our current equivalent policy and does not say much other than we will work with specified agencies

Kevin asked what the concerns are with JLCG. Tim Theberge said that it should say something that limits it to the pandemic. The RSA says that a student can be removed.

Kimberly Saunders said that the concern goes back to what is hazardous and what is not. For example, 20 years ago a Superintendent or Board could exclude an HIV positive student. There was a time where students who had lice would be excluded across the country. Kimberly said that if a child proves to be a hazard through behavior or actions, we have the right to remove the student until the situation is removed in a number of ways. Janine Lesser said that in the example of lice, if a student had lice and another student was nearby and also got lice, that second student might need to be anesthetized to remove the lice. The first student might be the hazard to the second.

Kevin Pobst said that ConVal has a lice policy that prohibits removal of a student due to lice.

Stephen Ullman asked if IDEA protects a student who might be COVID positive to be admitted while a regular education student might be prohibited.

Kimberly Saunders said that IDEA is a set of process requirements that basically say that we have to provide students with a free appropriate public education. If we are going to exclude a student for any reason, we have to provide an appropriate public education. We would require a student who is COVID positive to stay home but we would still be responsible to provide that student an education. If we do not provide services, parents can come back and claim FAPE was not provided. Compensatory education lawsuits are costly.

Katherine Heck said that this is not a behavioral policy.

Robert Short, Jr. asked the burden of proof to prove that one has a communicable disease to keep them from the classroom. Kevin Pobst said that the policy states that a student may be excluded if they exhibit symptoms of a contagious or communicable disease. It doesn't say that they have the disease it states that they exhibit symptoms.

Robert Short, Jr. said that symptoms can be applied to multiple illnesses.

Kimberly Saunders said that this was designed for diseases such as mumps. The piece that we are not looking at is that COVID long term effects are unknown. It is not like other childhood disease.

Stephen Ullman referred to EBCG and said that he was impressed with the accreditation process for school nurses.

Kevin Pobst said that Policy JLCG assumes Policy EBCG.

ConVal JLCG does not reference EBCG because we don't have that policy yet. It will be pulled from tonight's School Board agenda approval.

Kevin suggested looking at EBCE as well. He suggested putting the package together and bringing them back together for first Board meeting in January.

Tim Theberge said that JLCG is fine as is. Kevin Pobst disagreed and suggested language.

6. **DJD Local Purchasing (O) (with DJ Purchasing and DJE Bidding Requirements)** Kimberly & Katherine
Katherine Heck said that she reviewed DI and DJD. She did not review DJ and DJE as well as she would have preferred.
7. **DI Fiscal Accounting & Reporting (R)** Katherine
Katherine Heck said that the second #5 was suggested for removal. This policy meets best practice.
Robert Short, Jr. asked if any other policies specifically mention GAP and GASB. Katherine said that more specific policies get into it but generally if procedures are in place this policy suffices.
Lori Schmidt said that this policy works for her with recommendations she made.
Katherine said that she will provide language for the second #5 rather than abatement language.
DI would be ready for a first read with the replacement language in January.
8. **JLC Student Health Services and School Nurses (P), JLCA Physical Examinations of Students (R), JLCB Immunizations of Students (R), JLCC Head Lice/Pediculosis (R)**-Kevin
9. **JLCD Administering Medication to Students (P)**, includes forms for Administration Authorization, EpiPen Self Administration, Inhaler Self Administration and "R" protocol; **JLCI Coordinate School Health Program (O), JLCF Wellness (P)** Janine
10. **JLCE Emergency Care & First Aid (P), EBBB Physical Harm of Students Reporting Accidents Involving (R), EBBC Emergency Care & First Aid (Student Accidents & Reports) (P)**-Stephen

11. Adjourn

Katherine Heck motioned to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Kevin Pobst second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok