

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Policy Committee

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

Physical Location: SAU #1, Board Room
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH

Virtual Location:

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Minutes

School Board Committee Members:

- Keira Christian
- Katherine Heck
- Janine Lesser
- Kevin Pobst
- Stephen Ullman

Committee Members Present: Katherine Heck, Keira Christian, Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst, Stephen Ullman

Others Present: Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Dr. Ann Forrest, Cari Christian-Coates, Lori Schmidt, Alan Edelkind

1. Call to order

Katherine Heck called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from May 4, 2021

Stephen Ullman moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.

3. DIA –Fund Balances Policy- requested legal review 5/4/20

Kevin Pobst asked when the committee reviews something and it goes off for further review, does it come back to committee for further review or directly to the board. In other words, are the changes made after it goes to the administrator or legal for review, or does it return to the committee first before going to the board? If there were changes before it goes for a first read, it would be better to make changes first.

Discussion took place. There are not major changes to this policy but the wording is important.

Katherine Heck said that this can go for a first read and incorporate the changes for a second read.

4. Review of the following required by law policies:

- **IHAK** -Character and Citizenship Education -Adopted 2013

Legal updates occurred in 2017 and it was reviewed for compliance. The ConVal Policy and NHSBA version were compared.

Janine Lesser suggested listing all of the bullets in the NHSBA Policy in the ConVal Policy or none.

Dr. Forrest confirmed that when developing curriculum, the policies that impact this work are pulled. Dr. Kimberly Saunders said that there are members in the NHDOE that talk about the fact that we are a republic. There are clear pieces in here such as “a democratic government”. This committee should make sure that what you want and don’t want in the policy are included and not.

Katherine Heck said that this is a required policy.

Referring to the relative RSA was suggested.

Janine Lesser said that the policy is a statement to the public that makes our position clear; they should be listed.

Keira Christian agreed that everything should be listed so it is in one spot.

Kimberly Saunders suggested the addition of #9 to include gender identity.

Stephen Ullman said that he would rewrite this policy.

Kimberly Saunders said that when there are specific concerns about how policy was written, they have taken the policy back to be rewritten. Stephen Ullman agreed to draft a rewrite.

Consensus of the committee to add all 17 points from the NHSBA Policy?

Katherine Heck agreed that all should be listed.

Kevin Pobst noted that there is language in the policy, such as “right to work” that is political and intentional in the policy.

Stephen said that he would like a chance at rewriting the 17 points and come back to the committee.

- **IHCD- Advanced Coursework -Adopted 2015**

It was noted that updates were made in the NHSBA policy in 2017 and 2019.

- **LEB – Advanced Course Work- Adopted 2015**

Policies IHCD and LEB are mirror policies. The NHSBA policy is different.

Policy LEB was referenced as well. Katherine Heck and Kimberly Saunders will look for alignment.

Keira Christian suggested pulling them into one policy.

Janine Lesser said that the “L” and “I” policies fall under two categories.

LCC would have to come into an “I” policy was the intention.

Support of having a counselor involved in course selection was suggested.

Janine Lesser said that the Equity Committee is going in the opposite direction of having to have a recommendation to enroll in a course.

There are prerequisites in place for access to courses.

Kimberly Saunders and Katherine Heck agreed to develop a suggestion and recommendation for the next meeting and it will move to the Equity Committee.

- **ILD- Non-Educational/Non-academic Questionnaires, Surveys and Research**

Work had previously been done on this policy.

Kevin Pobst said that he thought it was the law that an affirmative consent, and not passive consent, must be in place.

Kimberly Saunders said that every time a survey comes out, determination if it is academic or not occurs.

Katherine Heck said that sexual orientation and gender identity should be added to the policy. The ConVal School Board policy was developed to meet all of the requirements on NHSBA.

Katherine Heck said that she would like to move this to a first read so that it is on the books.

ILD-R is comprehensive.

- **JICFA- Hazing -Adopted 2011**

The ConVal version was updated in 2011 and 2017 to meet RSA 631:7. There is some acknowledgement to that RSA. The last two paragraphs are slightly different. The second paragraph has additional language as well. We have measures in place to prevent this but policy should meet legal language.

Discussion took place about the first paragraph.

Kevin Pobst suggested that language about not belong to a secret society should not lead in the first paragraph. It should be at the bottom.

Kimberly Saunders suggested that whatever rewrite takes place should go to legal for review.

Kevin Pobst was asked to redraft.

Janine Lesser said that moving the first sentence about secret organizations and second paragraph of ConVal organization includes the same information.

- **JLCL -Concussions and Head injuries- Adopted 2013.**

This policy will be reviewed to make sure that everything is in alignment.

Kimberly Saunders asked that this policy revision might best be given to the nurses for review.

Confirmed. Cari Christian-Coates will receive the copy from Katherine Heck to bring forward to nurses.

5. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A (If Required)

None.

Kevin Pobst motioned to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Janine Lesser second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok