

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
106 Hancock Road  
Peterborough, New Hampshire**

**CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Location: SAU Finch Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Committee Members:** Keira Christian, Katherine Heck (Chair), Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst, Stephen Ullman

**Present:** Katherine Heck, Keira Christian, Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst, Stephen Ullman, Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Lori Schmidt

**1. Call to order**

**Katherine Heck called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.**

**2. Approval of the February 15, 2022 Minutes**

**Kevin Pobst moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022. Stephen Ullman second. Kevin Pobst abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.**

**3. Policy Review**

**. IHAM- Health Education Exemption from Instruction**

**i. Amend**

Kimberly Saunders shared a recently revised copy of IHAM. Consent was added in.

Why does this policy only apply for religious reasons and no other reasons? It is in the School Board policy and mentioned in the RSA around health and sex education. One can opt out for any reason, it does not have to be religious reasons.

Kevin Pobst said that he preferred that it be removed. People should be allowed to object for whatever reason they object.

The statement “for religious reasons or religious objections” was removed in two locations.

“Guardian” should be plural under the Opt-Out Procedure and Form section.

This policy is ready for a first read with changes.

Policies JICG, GBED, and ADC are now in alignment with one another. These policies relate to Tobacco Products Ban Use. These are now ready to go for a first read.

**. DK- Payments Checks and Manifests**

**i. Review**

Lori Schmidt will prepare proposed policy language anticipated at the first meeting in April.

**. DFA- Investments**

### **i. Annual Review Required**

This policy, DFA, requires annual review. Peterborough Trustees would like some direction with regard to investing from the district as a result being the district's trustees.

The NHSBA policy uses the “prudent person standard” and not the “prudent investor standard”, which is more conservative in some parts.

They are very similar. Town and government money should not be in riskier funds; it is not the town's money to take the risk with. These policies provide different avenues and decisions can be made on risk and policies tailored to that.

The district’s policy allows funds to be placed in a money market or PDIP.

A reviewed date will be added to track the annual review. An update should be added and placed on the webpage. It does not need to go to the full board.

The Business Administrator and Treasurer decide what tool would be best, based on cash needs, once the policy is adopted within the guidelines and RSA.

The Town of Peterborough Policy was reviewed.

Katherine Heck said that this conversation could move to the Budget & Property Committee. Confirmed.

The Business Administrator would discuss with the Trustees and bring back.

### **. Recommended by Education Committee for approval:**

Policies, JICG, GBED, ADC above are required by law. Dr. Forrest had presented the Education Committee with drafts, including yellow highlights. These may go for a first read of the full Board.

#### **i. Policy IK**

*Learn Everywhere* was discussed. If it is approved by the DOE as an approved program, ConVal would have to accept the credit for transfer.

This may go for a first read.

#### **ii. Policy ILBAA**

Kevin Pobst asked what the difference is between graduation competencies and earning credit by passing the course.

Competencies could result in waiving a course but does not necessarily award credit. They are equitable but not equal.

Gaining competency through an alternative pathway is usually the route taken.

This may go for a first read.

#### **iii. Policy IHCD/LEB**

##### **1. Related Policies: IK, IKFA, JLBA & IMBC**

Kevin Pobst noted a contradiction in paragraphs one and two related to gatekeeping.

Eligibility requirements were discussed e.g. counselor recommendation, passing of a prerequisite.

Parents can override a recommendation.

The College Board is clear that anyone who wants to access an Advanced Placement course may.

Revising the sentence to reflect that school counselors will enroll students who are eligible for advanced courses. ....”who is eligible by meeting the prerequisites” will be added.

It is not just about opportunity, it is about what lays the foundation for it.

The policy will be wordsmith and return to Policy Committee for further review.

#### **iv. Policy IMBC**

This policy may move forward for a first read.

**Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (If Required)**

None.

**Policy Status Update:**

Under review/revision by Administration:

JLCJ - Concussions and Head injuries

JLCJA- Emergency Plans for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics Participation

ADC/GBED/JICG-Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession

Under review by Education Committee

LCC- Dual Enrollment

. Under review by district personnel, the Equity Committee will review.

LC – Relations with Education Research Agencies

. Under review by administration

Under review by Budget and Property

. FAA – Annual Facility Plan -Recommended policy -Related Policies: FA

a. Capital Plan Policy

**In legal review:**

GBCD - Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check

EBCF - Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

JLCE - Emergency Care and First Aid

EBCG - Communicable and Infectious Diseases

JLCEG - Exclusion of Students Who Present a Hazard

JCA – Change of Class of School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship

ACAC- Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy & Grievance Process

**Next Agenda Items:**

“D” Financial Policy Review Schedule

DJE Bidding Requirements

DJ-Purchasing

DID-Fixed Assets

**Requests for Policy Review:**

**Janine Lesser motioned to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Stephen Ullman second. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok