

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

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

6:00 PM

Location: SAU Finch Conference Room

Minutes

Committee Members: Crista Salamy (Chair), Tom Burgess, Katherine Heck, Janine Lesser, Kevin Pobst, Stephen Ullman

Present: Crista Salamy, Tom Burgess, Kevin Pobst, Stephen Ullman, Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Dr. Ann Forrest, Kat Foecking

1. Call to order

Crista Salamy called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 7, 2022 Minutes

Tom Burgess moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022. Kevin Pobst seconded. Stephen Ullman abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

3. Policy Review

- IKL: Academic Integrity and Honesty

This policy will go before the Education Committee on August 15th for review.

- JBAB: Transgender Students

A protocol document that was worked on with legal counsel was reviewed. Kimberly Saunders referred to a legal action in Manchester that is underway and suggested waiting to learn more about that before moving forward. The standout issue is around working with parents.

This is the administrative procedure right now. This is what ConVal is using.

Stephen Ullman brought focus to the third paragraph on page 6 that talks about parental knowledge and the possibility of parents presenting a risk of physical or psychological harm to students if informed. How would one know that might be possible? Some parents have acted in similar ways when informed of other information e.g. they may have a history of potential harmful behavior toward their children.

Genderfluid refers to a person whose gender identity and/or expression may be gender nonconforming or non-binary and may be flexible with gender expression even from one day to the next. If this were to be true for a student in ConVal, a plan would be developed for this student and their family.

Discussion took place about a student asking District staff to call them by a name, other than their legal name, that requires parent permission first. The conversation next occurs with the school counseling office and/or administration.

Crista Salamy asked the committee how to move forward. It might be best to monitor the Manchester situation first. The board would look at it now if there were a level of discomfort with it.

Kimberly Saunders recommended waiting to allow the SAU to monitor Manchester and bring it back to a future Policy Committee meeting.

- GBCD Background Investigations

This policy is ready for a first read.

- JICD Student Conduct

Changes reflect the attempt to make sure that the consequences are not graduated.

On page one (1), under section “A”, the first sentence should read “The options for support that may be offered to students at the elementary schools may include.....”

...“may include” appeared elsewhere in the document as well.

This policy may now go forward for a first read.

- FF: Naming of District Buildings and Facilities and Dedication of Areas

Naming buildings and facilities after people was discussed. Kevin Pobst suggested that naming should be timeless. People are not timeless and facilities should not be named after people. Stephen Ullman said that he felt differently. Tom Burgess said that naming buildings or facilities is overrated and should not take place. He said that it often gets watered down. He questioned the purpose.

The compromise put forward was a substantial time delay between a proposal and putting it into effect.

Kevin Pobst agreed to write a draft policy for the Policy Committee to consider. October was slated as the timeline to bring forward.

7. 2nd Read-7/19/2022 School Board Agenda

- EBCF: Epidemic/Pandemic

This policy goes before the School Board this evening for a second read and adoption.

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

None

9. Policy Status Update:

Under review/revision by Administration:

- EHAC: Electronic & Digital Records

Under review by Legal:

- EBB: Safe Schools
- JCA: Change of Class of School Assignment Best Interests and Manifest Hardship
- JLCF: Wellness
- JLCE: Emergency Care and First Aid
- DFGA: Crowdfunding

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:

- Capital Plan Policy

- DJE Bidding Requirements

Under review with Nurses:

- JLC: Student Health Services
- JLCA: Physical Examination of Students
- EBCG: Communicable Diseases

Future Agenda Items:

- Spring Update Items
- IJOC: Volunteers
- IHBB: Programs for Gifted and Talented Students

Stephen motioned to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok