

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Location: SAU Finch Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Committee Members:** Crista Salamy (Chair), Tom Burgess, Katherine Heck, Kevin Pobst, Doug Sutherland

**Present:** Crista Salamy, Katherine Heck, Kevin Pobst, Doug Sutherland, Janine Lesser, Dr. Kimberly Saunders

**1. Call to order**

**Crista Salamy called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.**

**2. Approval of the September 20, 2022 Minutes**

**The minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> were approved.**

**3. Policy Review**

- **BBBF: Student Board Members**

Katherine Heck recommended that we use the New Hampshire School Board Administration (NHSBA) policy version.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to format this into a ConVal policy and return it to the Policy Committee.

- **EG: District Communication Plan**

- **KDA: Public Information Program**

- **KDCA: Student Involvement in Public Information Program**

Policy EG is supposed to replace policy KDA along with KDCA. ConVal should have a policy about district communication. This policy will be sent to the Communication Committee for review.

- **JFAM: Education of Military Children & Military Connected Students**

ConVal does not have this policy currently. The Policy Committee might review this policy. This outlines the details for administration.

Kimberly Saunders agreed to format this into a ConVal policy and return it to the Policy Committee.

- **JICA: Student Dress Code**

Katherine Heck said that the current policy is very broad. The dress code should be administered fairly, consistently, and equally to all students.

Discussion took place about what currently occurs in the schools. There are currently different dress codes in the schools. One thought was for consistency.

Handbooks outline expectations.

One topic was cropped shirts among other clothing.

Another topic was students in costume which is also seen as distracting.

Discussion took place about whether or not it is a distraction to learning and education.

What would it take to move toward uniforms? It would be a process with focus groups and community input. There are positives e.g. increased school spirit.

A suggestion was made to bring the high school and two middle school principals along with assistant principals to attend a meeting to share input. Agreed.

Caps, hats, and other head gear was noted in the NHSBA policy.

Support for preparing students for the academic day is the goal.

- JLCF: Wellness

This policy should be sent to the Food Service/Wellness Committee to see if it meets what is necessary to qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch.

- KFA: Public Conduct on School Property

NHSBA revision notes were read from August 2022. ConVal's policy is very different from the NHSBA policy.

Katherine Heck suggested that this policy go for legal review. Confirmed.

#### **4. 2nd Read – 9/20/22 School Board Agenda**

- FF: Naming of District Buildings and Facilities and Dedication of Areas
- EBB: School Safety
- JICI: Dangerous Weapons on School Property

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

None.

#### **6. Policy Status Update:**

##### **Under review/revision by Administration:**

- IHBG: Home Education Instruction
- JJJ: Access to Public School by Nonpublic, Charter Schools, and Home educated Students
- JLDDB: Suicide Prevention and Response

##### **Under review by Legal:**

- IHBAA: Evaluation requirements for Children

##### **Under review by Education Committee:**

- IKL: Academic Integrity and Honesty

##### **Under review by Budget and Property:**

- Capital Plan Policy
- DJ: Purchasing
- DJE: Bidding Requirements

##### **Under review with Nurses:**

- JLCA: Physical Examination of Students

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Fall Update Items
- JBAB: Transgender Students

**Kevin Pobst motioned to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Janine Lesser seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok