

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

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

5:45 PM

Location: SAU Finch Conference Room

Minutes

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

Present: Crista Salamy, Tom Burgess, Kevin Pobst, Janine Lesser, Dr. Kimberly Saunders, Lori Schmidt

1. Call to order

Crista Salamy called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.

2. Approval of the January 17, 2023 Minutes

Kevin Pobst moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023. Janine Lesser seconded. Unanimous.

3. Policy Review

- JJA: Student Activities & Organizations

The New Hampshire School Board Association (NHSBA) has changed this to a recommended policy. What qualifies as a student activity, organization, athletic team etc.?

Is making an athletic team based on best ability, first priority to ConVal students over homeschool students, etc.?

Tom Burgess said that they would be all ConVal students if they live in district.

The board can make the decision on how they want that to go. If active ConVal students would get priority, it could be written that way.

Is that discriminatory?

You want the policy to be very clear that it is the student's responsibility to make it to tryouts and practice and that they need to do concussion testing and pay the athletic fee.

If a student's private school has a Lacrosse Team they cannot play for ConVal Lacrosse.

Relative to clubs, does ConVal have a framework for co-curricular's as we do for athletics?

No. Clubs are allocated a specific amount of money all in. Principals can decide how to spend those funds.

If a student is at a private school and they don't make the team at their school can they come to ConVal? No, they cannot because there is a team at their school.

Kevin Pobst shared that he preferred the NHSBA Sample Policy. Janine Lesser said that she did as well, with the exception of Administrative Regulations.

"Field trips and excursions" will be removed from the policy.

- IMBA: Distance Education

The difference between the two versions is the use of distance learning during inclement weather. Distance between us and the pandemic is needed before considering distance learning.

Kevin Pobst said that he preferred the NHSBA policy because the part about “may be offered in inclement weather” language.

Sending this policy to the Education Committee for input was suggested.

- IKFC: Alternate Diploma for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

This is a recommended policy. ConVal does not have this policy. ConVal does either a diploma or a certificate of attendance.

Any use for an alternate diploma? ConVal requires 26 credits to graduate.

Is it advantageous to offer one for students with cognitive disabilities?

- IHBG: Home Education Instruction & Access to Curricular & Co-Curricular Programs

This policy is currently under review with legal.

Does ConVal ever do portfolio reviews? No.

- IHBAM: District Special Education Policy & Procedures Manual

This policy is optional. Does this need change? This policy will be referred to Ben Moenter.

Does ConVal need this policy?

- ICA: School Calendar

- IC: School Year and School Year Calendar

ICA is being withdrawn by the NHSBA. The suggestion is to combine the two in line with IC.

- EBCD: Emergency Closings/Emergency School & District Closings

The ConVal policy was preferred to allow flexibility.

- EBCA: Crisis Prevention & Emergency Response Plans

Passed over.

- EBCA-R: Emergency Plans Checklist for Developing a School Emergency Plan

Passed over.

- EBBD: Indoor Air Quality & Water Quality

This will go to the Budget & Property Committee for their review.

- IKL: Academic Integrity and Honesty

Passed over.

- BBBF: Student Board Members

The policy was accepted as presented and could move forward for a first read.

Change the duplicate “B” to a “C”

- AC: Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Employment and District Anti-Discrimination Plan

- AC-E: Non-Discrimination

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

None.

5. 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
- JLDBB: Suicide Prevention and Response
- IKL: Academic Integrity and Honesty – Education Committee Recommendation
- JLCB: Immunization of Students (Reworded and Re-lettered)

Under review by Legal:

- JLCF: Wellness
- IHBA: Evaluation Requirements for Students

Under review by Budget and Property:

- Capital Plan Policy

Under review by Communication Committee:

- EG/KDA: Public Information Program

Under review with Nurses:

- JLCA: Physical Examination of Students

Future Agenda Items:

- Fall Update Items

Kevin Pobst motioned to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Tom Burgess seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok