

Committee: Policy

Date: September 24, 2019

Present at Meeting:

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte, Superintendent
Melissa Szymanski, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Alison Andrus, Board Trustee
Lauren Berman, Board Trustee
Silvia Robles, Board Trustee

Key Topics and Discussion Points

- We reviewed where to find NYSSBA required and recommended updates to policy on the BoardDocs platform.

- We reviewed policy items carried-over from the 2018-19 school year and summer:
 1. **POLICY 8414.5 and REGULATION 8415.5-R Drug and Alcohol Testing of Drivers**
 2. **POLICY 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students**
 3. **POLICY 9602 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting**
 4. **POLICY 5605 Voter Registration for Students**
 5. **POLICY 3240 District Organization Chart**
 6. **POLICY 5420 Student Health Services**
 7. **POLICY 5420.2 Requests for Religious Exemptions**
 8. **POLICY 8121.1 Opioid Overdose Prevention**

New Business

We anticipate a presentation or materials from Ms. Laura Sullivan and/or Mr. Tesfa Stewart at the October Policy meeting regarding **Policy 4321.4 Independent Educational Evaluations** and creating related regulation.

POLICY 5300 Code of Conduct should be revised to reflect the update to DASA Coordinator. We discussed how any changes to the Code of Conduct require a public hearing before the BOE can vote on them. Dr. Henning-Piedmonte explained that she and the high school administrative team will be creating updates they would like to adopt in the Code of Conduct specifically around vaping by students and vaping on school property. The committee unanimously agreed to wait on a public hearing with the single name change (DASA coordinator appointment) as the suggested changes related to vaping will be introduced in short time to the committee for consideration to bring to the BOE for a public hearing. In addition, the committee briefly discussed revising the Code of Conduct to reflect more educative responses to student behavior and restorative justice practices in the near future; the committee agreed that such a lengthy revision would benefit from a sub-committee that included a wider array of stakeholders, including students.

Ms. Szymanski introduced the following policy items for new discussion: NYS Education Law 2D; class size; parent/family engagement; technology; field trips; absence and tardiness; HIV/AIDS policy; tutoring by district employees.

Proposed Next Steps

POLICY 8414.5 and REGULATION 8415.5-R Drug and Alcohol Testing of Drivers – under review for revision as required by NYSSBA led by Alison Andrus.

POLICY 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students and POLICY 9602 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting – under review, led by Dr. Henning-Piedmonte to initially discuss policies with Maureen Caraballo.

POLICY 5605 Voter Registration for Students – correspondence from 2018-19 Policy Committee to HHS administration to be shared by Lauren Berman to 2019-20 committee; Under review for revision led by Silvia Robles.

POLICY 3240 District Organization Chart– under continued review and drafting, led by Dr. Henning-Piedmonte.

POLICY 5420 Student Health Services and POLICY 5420.2 Requests for Religious Exemptions – revision to be led by Lauren Berman with NYSSBA requirements.

POLICY 8121.1 Opioid Overdose Prevention –review led by Lauren Berman.

The new topics were agreed to be lower in priority as they are not NYSSBA required or recommended:

- Education Law 2D will be a requirement in 7/1/2020 and we can likely anticipate NYSSBA templates in the future to guide our policy.
- Class size was a topic for future consideration, but as we discussed mainly pertains to Hillside Elementary School. Due to the present construction bond and its related space concerns for that building, the committee unanimously decided to keep that topic for future consideration.
- Parent/family engagement policies will be researched by Dr. Henning-Piedmonte and Ms. Szymanski.
- Technology policies will be researched by Dr. Henning-Piedmonte and Ms. Szymanski.
- Absence policy will be researched by Dr. Henning-Piedmonte and Ms. Szymanski, and it was noted that student absentee rates will be included in schools' ESSA data/rating in 2020-21.
- Field trip policy, HIV/AIDS policy and tutoring policy will be reviewed in the future, and distributed to committee members for review.

Questions for the Board to Discuss/Consider at Upcoming BOE Meeting: 10/7/2019

The required revisions to **POLICY 5420 Student Health Services** and **POLICY 5420.2 Requests for Religious Exemptions** will be drafted for a first read at an upcoming BOE meeting.