

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
JULY 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Policy Sub-Committee meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Donald DiBiasio, with the following persons in attendance: Joan Menard and Jeffrey Begin.

Also, in attendance were Elvio Ferreira, Andrew Rebello, Paul Kitchen, and Helena Neves

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes, as submitted.

Mr. DiBiasio provided a report on the policies submitted for review and approval. Mr. DiBiasio stated that all but the Wellness Policy were MASC policies which include revisions such as policy language, legal references and best practices.

Mr. DiBiasio provided an overview of the Wellness Policy.

Dr. Ferreira stated that the language regarding Physical Education requirements needs to be reviewed and in compliance with DESE requirements.

Dr. Warren reported that Administration has received written approval from DESE stating that “the District has discretion to determine whether and how a student may meet the physical education requirement through an organized program of instruction such as interscholastic athletics, via a community program, an independent study, or other means”.

Mr. DiBiasio suggested reaching out to other vocational technical districts and get their policies.

Dr. Warren suggested doing a trial run with juniors and seniors.

Mr. Begin stated that it was a good idea but would like to see other districts’ policies.

Mrs. Neves will reach out to the MASC ListServe and request copies of policies from other districts.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Mr. Begin, and voted unanimously to approve the following policies as submitted:

- AC & AC-R – Non-Discrimination Including Harassment and Retaliation
- ACAB – Sexual Harassment
- DA – Fiscal Management
- DB & DB-1 – Annual Budget
- DB-1-R – Apportionment of Expenses
- DBC – Budget Deadlines and Schedules
- DBD – Budget Planning
- DBG & DBG-1 – Budget Adoption Procedures
- DBJ & DBJ-1 – Budget Transfer Authority

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DGA & DGA-1 – Authorized Signatures
DH & DH-1 – Bonded Employees and Officers
DI – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
DIE – Audits
DJ – Purchasing
DJA – Purchasing Authority
DJE – Procurement Requirements
DK & DK-1 – Payment Procedures
DKC – Expense Reimbursements
JICK – Harassment of Students

Mr. DiBiasio asked to table the Wellness Policy until more information is collected and meet again in August.

It was moved by Mr. Begin, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary

Materials Included: October 14, 2021
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