

**Monadnock Regional School District
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024
SAU Conference Room
Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Kristen Noonan, Lisa Steadman and C. McDaniel-Thomas.

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2023 MOTION** L.Steadman **MOVED** to approve the October 19, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** C.McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
3. **Policy:**
 - a. **JLF-Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect:** K. Noonan explained that Policy JLF was requested to be reviewed and edited by the administration. This policy was last reviewed on November 5, 2019. There was discussion on reporting of abuse or neglect. L.Witte had recommended to report orally. C. McDaniel-Thomas said that she would like it to be reported orally to her if there was a situation. The committee would suggest the following change: To honor the urgency of the situation, the report is to be made orally immediately. J.Rathbun would not want a report in print in the file. It may make for a dangerous situation. Parents are able to review the file. **MOTION:** L.Steadman **MOVED** to make the edits as discussed in Section B in the first paragraph and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C.McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
 - b. **JICJ-Unauthorized Communication Devices:** K. Noonan explained that the Education Committee has asked for a cell phone policy. Currently we do not have a cell phone policy. We need to ask the Education Committee what they want to see in a Cell Phone Policy. **MOTION:** L.Steadman **MOVED** to send the request for a Cell Phone Policy back to the Education Committee for more information. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** C.McDaniel-Thomas said the handbook does not say what Policy JLF implies. The policy is not being followed and the handbook does not reflect the policy. She would suggest emailing L. Spencer also on this policy. Maybe it needs a fresh look.
 - c. **ILK-Academic Honesty and Integrity:** K. Noonan explained that this policy came out in the last bulletin from the NHSBA. It was created in 2022 and just revised. It contains a lot about AI.We do not have this policy. L.Steadman said we need this policy because we do not have a

plagiarism policy. C. McDaniel-Thomas explained that cheating and plagiarism are in the handbook. L. Steadman said she does like the policy, technology and cell phones are not the only way to cheat. K. Noonan also likes the policy. The consequences refer to the handbook. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA Sample Policy ILK with the following edits: Consequences, please refer to the Student Handbook and delete examples of AI anywhere in the policy. Forward to the full Board for a first read. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

d. KCD-Public Gifts/Donations: The committee reviewed the NHSBA Sample Policy. They would suggest deleting “in accordance with Policy DFGA” and “must be approved by the administration”. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA Sample Policy KCD with edits and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

e. BID-Stipend Policy: The committee would like to bring this policy back to the full Board. They discussed attendance of Board Members at committee meetings and at the Board Meetings. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to send Policy BID to the full Board for discussion. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

4. Other Business:

a. Discuss Year Recap: K. Noonan explained that the Policy Committee prepares the Year Recap of the completed policies. She said the 3 members on this committee are very busy. She wished they had gotten through more than they did. The policies that they had worked on were more in depth and more work. The committee will prepare the Year Recap and present it to the new Board.

5. Assignments and Agenda for Next Meeting: March 14, 2024.

6. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

7. Motion to Adjourn: **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to adjourn the Policy Committee at 8:10 PM. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas, **VOTE:** Unanimous **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary