

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, February 10, 2023, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, Jane Moynihan, Jim Hardy, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Jane Moynihan, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of January 13, 2023.

### **Review Policy JH (Student Attendance)**

- Ms. Bent stated no feedback was received from the School Committee after a first read of this policy at the last School Committee meeting.

### **Review Policy JK (Student Discipline)**

- Ms. Bent stated this policy is a general overview. She had a concern about the language around “each incident shall determine the methods used in enforcing these policies.”
- Dr. Ahern stated DESE wants districts to look at the circumstances and give the principal leeway in the discipline. The Committee discussed the framework for discipline and it is in the handbook. The Committee agreed to the following changes: in the second paragraph, last sentence, added “and published in the Student Handbooks”; in the second to last paragraph, removing the last sentence; changing regulations to procedures; and updating the legal references.
- Ms. Bent asked if this policy should be pulled out and put on the agenda to approve the updates. Dr. Ahern stated she thinks it would highlight where the School Committee’s purview falls in terms of discipline.

### **Continue Review of Policies in Section J (Negotiations) of the School Committee Policy Manual**

- ❖ JF – Dr. Ahern stated Barnstable does not have this policy, so this would be new to Barnstable. The Committee agreed to not add this policy.
- ❖ JFA – Dr. Ahern stated Barnstable has this policy since the high school has a Chapter 74 program. Ms. Harmon stated this policy was a requirement for the Environmental Science Chapter 74 program. The Committee updated the language under equal educational opportunity, under Recruitment Process, number 1, they removed “Vocational Technical Educational Department”, and they removed the second reference to withdrawal from the program.
- ❖ JFAA – This policy was updated in May 2022.
- ❖ JFABC – There are no changes.
- ❖ JFABD – This policy was updated in 2021.
- ❖ JFABE – Dr. Ahern stated the current JFABE policy needs to be recoded since it is the district student attendance option and this policy code is for the military policy. The Committee changed the district student attendance option coding to JFABA. The Committee took out a minimum time of service and residents.
- ❖ JFABE – Mr. Hardy stated this is a required policy. Ms. Bent asked if this should be taken out and approved before all the other policies. Dr. Ahern stated yes. Ms. Bent suggested approving this policy at the School Committee meeting in one read and override the two meeting policy read in March. Ms. Kruczek stated the Committee should also approve the new JFABA policy since that is currently coded as JFABE. The Committee agreed.
- ❖ JFABF – This policy was updated in January 2021. They need to compare the policies and will start here at the next meeting.

### **Next Steps**

- The Committee will continue reviewing the policies in section J.

Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
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