

**Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Gina Carraro, Hannah Blood, Scott Peters and Edmond LaPlante.

Also Present: L. Spencer, Assistant Superintendent, B. Russell, Vice Principal and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** G. Carraro called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of the August 28, 2024 Ed/Tech Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** G.Carraro **MOVED** to approve the August 28, 2024 Ed/Tech Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
4. **Policies Related to Cell Phones: Policy IKL Academic Honesty and Integrity:** The committee reviewed the notes provided by B.Russell regarding changes to the NHSBA Sample Policy IKL. The changes were about cheating and plagiarism. It was also added that the Guidance Office will see the students who are cheating and plagiarism. **MOTION:** G. Carraro **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA Sample Policy IKL with the recommended edits from the administration and the committee as written and to forward to the Board as a first read. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Policy JICJ Authorized Communication Devices: NHSBA Sample Policy JICJ

Unauthorized Communication Devices: *L. Spencer arrives.* The committee was asked if they would like to have an employee and student policy together or separate. G. Carraro felt they should be separate. The committee began to rewrite Policy JICJ. This will be a Student Cell Phone Policy. G. Carraro does not believe that cell phones should be used during lunch. B. Russell commented that she does not see kids abusing it especially since taking the wifi away. She does not believe that the Middle School students should be on their cell phones during lunch. They need to be engaged with other students. With high school students it is not such an issue. When teachers are teaching the high school students and then the Middle School students they are not consistent with the cell phone issue. It was commented to have one policy for all grades. B. Russell did say that there may be legitimate reasons to check their phone for the juniors and the seniors. Suggested times for the students to use their phones were: teacher approved activities, documented IEP, 504, before the first bell and after the last bell of school among other things. G Carraro asked where the phones will be held or is it a trust thing. L. Spencer

commented that it is a struggle. It is hard for some of the staff to allow cellphones and not others. There is no consistency. G. Carraro mentioned the locker system for the phones. S. Peters said that is the job of the administration to decide. G. Carraro read Conval's Policy JICJ. It is a very simple statement. *E. LaPlante arrives*. She asked about a repeat offender with the cell phone such as suspension and expulsion. She felt that the NHSBA Policy was stricter. S. Peters asked the committee about the feedback they received about banning cellphones in school. The members said it was mostly good feedback. S. Peters said it is prohibited in school but it is a big issue in extracurricular. The committee will not approve this policy work tonight. There are other policies to be moved forward as well.

5. Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda: The committee will meet on September 25, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

6. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

7. Motion to adjourn: MOTION: G. Carraro **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. **SECOND:** H. Blood **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary