

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting: October 6, 2021

Members Present: Robin James, Jaime Pangburn (5:51pm), Tracy Roberts
Also Present: Superintendent Susan Smith

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting began at 5:48pm.

Tracy Roberts stated she did not like some of the language in policy BEA – School Board Meetings, Procedures, and By Laws regarding excused absences of Board members. Superintendent Smith advised we would follow the policy for Board member absences.

2. **IMB-R – Teaching Controversial-Sensitive Issues:** This policy was reviewed by Brann and Isaacson. Recommended language from legal counsel was added to Section V. Tracy Roberts suggested a statement be added if teachers are unsure of ways to address content that could be viewed as controversial to seek advice from the Principal. This policy is ready for the Board.
3. **IMBB – Exemption from Required Instruction:** Small language changes needed. No other changes recommended. This policy is ready for the Board.
4. **IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances:** This policy is not on the required policy list and language is covered in other policies. Recommend to rescind. This policy is ready for the Board.
5. **IMDC – Religious Observances and Displays:** Superintendent Smith asked about trees being displayed. The committee did not feel they were of any concern. This policy is ready for the Board.
6. **IJOC – School Volunteers:** Discussion on confidentiality, criminal history records check, and background checks. This policy is ready for the Board.
7. **ECB – Pesticide Applications Notification:** This policy is a required policy. No other recommended changes. This policy is ready for the Board.

Discussion on new laws approved by legislature. Superintendent Smith received the information packet on September 29th. The packet states policies updates should be in place by October 18th. There are more than 18 policies that require changes. A list of policies that will require updating will be brought to the next meeting.

8. **CDC Recommendations for Physical Activity and Policy JL – Student Wellness Discussion:** Breakfasts at school were discussed. Superintendent Smith advised food served at school is not the same as store bought foods. The nutrition contents are different. Every meal has to meet nutritional requirements of a balanced meal.

The 5210 Group reviewed policy JL and provided feedback with suggested language changes.

Physical Education classes were discussed. Superintendent Smith shared some other district PE class offerings for comparison to RSU 63 PE. Outdoor Education is being incorporated into daily instruction, not just in PE class.

Class sizes and staffing were discussed. Tracy Roberts asked when the appropriate time was to discuss the changes and find out from teachers how they thought things went with the changes. Superintendent Smith advised the best time would be Budget and Finance Committee during Budget Workshops.

Policy JL will be brought to the Wellness Committee and then to the next Policy Committee meeting for further review.

9. Policies to Review Next:

For the Next Policy Meeting

EBCA – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

EBCC – Bomb Threats

GBGB – Workplace Bullying

JL – Student Wellness

JKAA – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

JKAA – R – Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

JK – Student Discipline

JKD – Suspension/Expulsion of Students

JKE – Expulsion of Students

JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

JKF-R – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities – Admin Procedures

10. Next Meetings:

Policy Committee: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School
 Wednesday, November 30, 2021 at 5:30pm, Holbrook Middle School

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

APPROVED: October 25, 2021