Monadnock RegionWe al School District Education/Technology Meeting Minutes December 4, 2024 SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH

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

Also Present: Erin Kelly, teacher, Becky Russell, Assistant Principal and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order: H. Blood called the meeting to order.
- **2. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- **3. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes.** The committee will vote on the minutes at the next meeting.
- 4. Working Session: Cell Phone Policy Review: The committee reviewed the work that they have done regarding Policy JICJ/GBEBE. S.Peters read line by line. E. Kelly said that she does not agree with teachers allowing cell phones in the classrooms even when approved prior to the lesson. There are teachers who are not paying attention and leaving cell phones out. During certain classes teachers allow their students to have class outside. They are bringing their phones outside. E.Kelly asked about storing cell phones. S. Peters said the administration will address that issue. It is not in the policy. They discussed cell phones being used during the day, off campus and at the discretion of teachers or a chaperon. Earbuds are another issue. E. Kelly said it is a safety issue. S.Peters said that there is value in listening to music. B. Russell said that there is drama with the cellphones in the bathroom. It was suggested to trade a phone for a bathroom pass. S. Peters said to shape the adults before the students. B. Russell said the staff should not use earbuds or headphones. In an emergency situation, use cell phones. Disciplinary action regarding cell phones is in the handbook and there are different actions for each school. The hand book has to agree with the policy. S.Peters commented that after the next policy review we need to discuss the execution of the policy. B. Russell would suggest next year. The other policy to review is Policy EHAA Computer Security, Emails and Internet Communication as well as Policy JICL/GBEF Student/Employee Technology Acceptable Use. *E.LaPlante arrives*. The committee compared the policies. It was asked if there is anything in the Union contracts regarding the use of cell phones or use of devices. S.Peters said he is looking for 3 motions to bring to the Board. The committee reviewed Policy IKL Academic Honesty and Integrity which was the NHSBA Policy. The committee had made edits. MOTION: H. Blood MOVED to approve Policy EHAA as edited by the committee and to forward it to the Board as a first read. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes. MOTION:** H. Blood **MOVED** to approve Policy JICL as edited by the committee and to forward it to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion** passes. MOTION: E.LaPlante MOVED to approve Policy JICJ as edited by the committee and

to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** S.Peters. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** S.Peters explained that these will go to the Board as a first read on February 4, 2025. The committee, division leaders and the administration will meet and review the draft policies at a daytime meeting.

- 5. Assignments and agenda for next meeting: January 22, 2025 4:30 PM. The committee will approve the minutes, receive feedback from administration and employees and discuss execution of the policies if the Board approves.
- **6. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- 7. **Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** S.Peters **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. **SECOND:** E.LaPlante **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary