

Policy Committee Meeting
April 18, 2017

Present: Steve Hahn (chair), Robert Hassett, Jennifer Crawford, Rory Bohanan, Chris Bober (arrived late) and Carol Fogarty.

1. Policies Older Than 10 Years

A handout listing the district's policies that are older than ten years was distributed, noting that we are starting with those policies that are required by law.

a. ADB/GBEC Drug Free Workplace

The committee reviewed the NHSBA sample policy wording, comparing it to the existing policy. Discussion took place regarding the difference between "illegal drugs", "illicit drugs" and "controlled drugs". Rory Bohanan moved to add "illegal drugs" after "Possessing..." in 4.c. of the NHSBA sample policy and replace the district policy with the amended NHSBA policy. Seconded by Jen Crawford; called to vote – all in favor, 4-0.

b. EB Safety Program

The NHSBA sample policy and district policy were reviewed noting that the differences were only the title, legal references and minor additions to the last two sentences. Jen Crawford moved to replace the district's policy with the NHSBA sample policy and send it to the board as a revision. Seconded by Supt. Hassett; called to vote – all in favor, 4-0.

c. IHAK Character and Citizenship Education

The committee reviewed the NHSBA sample policy wording, noting that the only changes were to 4 and 11; and also to the legal references. Jen Crawford moved to replace the district's policy with the NHSBA sample policy and send it to the board as a revision. Seconded by Supt. Hassett; called to vote – all in favor, 4-0.

d. IHBAE Evaluation Requirements for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities

All procedures were removed from the NHSBA updated sample policy. For reasons of consistency and compliance, the procedures are now accessed through the NHDOE Special Education Procedurals Manual which will be noted as the appendix to the policy. Jen Crawford moved to replace the district's policy with the NHSBA sample policy and run it by Patty Parenteau before sending it to the board as a revision. Seconded by Supt. Hassett; called to vote – all in favor, 5-0.

e. IHCD Advanced Placement Classes

The NHSBA sample policy and district policy were reviewed noting the differences. It was decided to change "guidance counselor" to "school counselor" throughout the policy. Discussion took place regarding distance education, whether the district pays and pre-

approval. It was decided to change the first sentence of the second paragraph to “With prior approval from the principal, credit may be awarded, provided the course complies with applicable District policies and state standards.” It was noted that the Ed rule should be 306.141(a)(7) – not (6) as printed. Jen Crawford moved to replace the district policy with the amended NHSBA policy and send it to the board as a revision. Seconded by Supt. Hassett; Called to vote – all in favor, 5-0.

f. IKE Promotion Retention and Acceleration of Students

The committee reviewed the NHSBA sample policy wording, noting that it does not include acceleration. Discussion took place. Supt. Hassett moved to replace the District policy with the NHSBA policy and send it to the board as a revision; seconded by Jen Crawford; Called to vote – all in favor, 5-0.

g. IMG Service Animals for Students, Employees and Guests

The committee reviewed this policy and the corresponding NHSBA sample policy IMG Service Animals. Discussed state guidelines and certification and decided more research was needed. Carol will send the committee members NHSBA sample policy IMG Animals in the School. Tabled until next meeting.

2. Minutes – 3/21/17

Minutes were reviewed. Jen Crawford moved to accept the 3/21/17 minutes as written; Supt. Hassett seconded. Called to vote – all in favor, 5-0.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16th at 3:45pm-5:00pm.

Jen Crawford moved to adjourn at 5:01pm – seconded by Chris Bober - All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Fogarty