

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Denise Day, Matt Bacon, Dan Klein, James Morse, Suzanne Filippone, Wendy DiFruscio. Absent:

Dan Klein opened the meeting confirming that the Policy JLCE – Emergency Care and First Aid was not the same one that was approved for second read adoption at the October 4, 2023, School Board meeting. It was explained that this is the version that was reviewed by the Health Education Staff in the spring and includes their suggested revisions as well as the new Narcan language.

Jim took a moment to inform the committee that the policy pertaining to student drinking, later identified as Policy JICH – Drug and Alcohol Use and Possession by Students, along with the procedure and the athletic handbook, need to be placed on the November Policy Agenda for review. He briefly relayed his reasoning for this addition and answered questions from the committee.

At this point Dan moved the meeting forward.

Policy ACN – Nursing Mothers Accommodations – this is a new required policy that needs to be adopted by the school District. In reviewing the NHSBA version, Matt stated that this version is in need of a revision as certain language should not be used in a policy. He took the existing suggested policy and created a different version that was more gender neutral for the committee to review. The committee asked for clarification surrounding mother’s producing milk for purchase, the timeline suggested being limited to one year, and what the actual language is in the law. The committee compared the NHSBA version and Matt’s suggested version and made suggested revisions. Discussion ensued pertaining to the possibility of sending revised polices to the attorneys at NHSBA as we belong to their organization. Jim agreed that we could do that, but the issue would be the turn around time for receiving their feedback. At this time the revised version will be returned to the committee at the November meeting before being sent to the NHSBA Attorneys.

Policy JJIF – Athletic Policy – Sanctioning of Sports – this policy was reviewed by the Athletic Director and is ready for review by this committee. Suggestions were made to remove the bullets and replace with numbers or letters for easier reading. The language under the heading Level 2 Sports was revised for clarity. This policy is ready for a first read by the School Board at a future meeting.

Policy GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students – the existing policy was presented for review, and as with the nursing mothers’ policy. Dan also provided a revised version that he created for review by the committee. The two versions were compared and discussed with numerous suggested changes being offered and added. The committee was able to review the majority of these but will need to revisit at the next meeting with a clean copy depicting the already discussed changes and the section pertaining to Discipline that was not reviewed.

Policy JLCE – Emergency Care and First Aid – the committee ran out of time and this policy will be continued to the next meeting.

There was no additional questions and the meeting ended at 4:55 PM – Next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio