

Hillsboro-Deering Policy Committee

MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2024

Present: Chris Bober, Justin Parsils, Michael Kenney, Jennifer Crawford

1. Bober moves to approve January 18, 2024 minutes as written; seconded by Parsils; passed 3-0-0
2. Policy IC Remote Instruction is now known as School Year and School Year Calendar. This would enable using remote days for inclement weather and those were updated at the state level when we were hybrid right after the pandemic. This was previously discussed by the district and it wasn't agreed on to use remote days on bad weather. There are rules around when it can and cannot be used and when you can use those days for time per our district calendar. You can't use this for anything other than inclement weather, but the policy has to be in place before you can actually use the hours toward your total school days.

Jennifer recommends implementing the policy just so it's there if we ever need it. In IC section called School Year : keep first sentence; delete next two paras; keep last sentence. Under B school closures, change "will" in second sentence to "may." Paragraph C leave as is. Paragraph D having deadline to submit calendar; the problem is that we depend on Concord's calendar, and we need to wait until they get theirs done and having a date in our policy could make us in violation of our own policy. Insert a deadline "in the spring." Lynn will have draft for consent agenda. Jennifer moves to have policy IC moved forward to the board as discussed; seconded by Parsils. Passed 3-0-0

3. Policy IMBA Distance Education. Jennifer recommends changing guidance department to school counseling department throughout the document. Bober moves to approve as presented; Kenney seconds. Passed 3-0-0
4. Policy IHBH Extended Learning Opportunities. Swap out guidance for school counselor throughout. Does this policy support extended learning for all students? Second to last paragraph regarding financial part, the DJ trust raised this issue because the trust doesn't finance them. The last paragraph elaborates on financial part, which makes it more equitable to all students. Jennifer recommends just changing language about guidance vs. school. Discussion about who would approve at the school level if the DOE doesn't recognize the credits. Jennifer explained it's the discretion of the principal. Jennifer moved to revise and approve as recommended; seconded by Bober. Passed 3-0-0

5. Policy IHBI Alternative Learning Plans. We reviewed this last year and didn't make any changes; make a change now to switch guidance to school. Jennifer moved to change as recommended; Parsils seconded. Passed 3-0-0
6. Policy IMBC Alternative Credit Options. We reviewed in 2022; Jennifer has nothing that needs to be adjusted. Mark it reviewed February 2024; Jennifer moved to mark reviewed; seconded by Bober. Passed 3-0-0
7. Policy JICL/KD/BEF Acceptable Use Policy for District Technology Resources. Approved in 2019. No recommended changes. Mark as reviewed (all 3). Bober moved to mark as reviewed; seconded by Parsils. Passed 3-0-0
8. Policy KCD Public Gifts/Donations. Paragraph 4 - Jennifer recommends having the amounts higher than what is recommended by NHSBA; we have a trust fund that makes more donations to the district that are higher than the minimum of \$2,500 (but the gifts are made to the students and staff of the district) and we'd have to go before the board and or town for everything funded by the trust. Start adding the trust donations to the board's consent agenda: student enrichment, teacher enrichment and scholarships. The student enrichment grants go through the district (others are paid directly to the recipient of the funds) and we should add the student enrichment funds to the board's consent agenda. Any unanticipated revenue needs to be reported to the town. We are not a business and need to have all accounts zeroed out at the end of the year. If additional funds came in, we'd have to return it to the taxpayers or hold a hearing to spend the money. Based on this, Jennifer recommends increasing \$2,500 to \$19,999. Last paragraph \$250 change to \$2,500. Jennifer moved to revise as recommended; seconded by Bober. Passed 3-0-0
9. Policy JIHC Use of Metal Detectors. Justin said Mr. McGinn and SRO are asking for more clarification/leeway to use metal detectors to expand searches for vaping products because it can be "another tool in the toolchest." This Policy hasn't been renewed since 2006. Jennifer said it's important to weigh what the unanticipated consequences are in increasing surveillance. One concern is the sample policy has no legal references so there's no statutory roadmap to follow. The best idea is to consult legal guidance and ask if there is anything we'd be violating any rights by expanding the policy. She'd like to get legal advice first. Further discussion at our next meeting after she speaks with district attorney.
10. Continuing the policies of sections A B C and L to next meeting. Date for March -- new board member will be getting sworn in, all assignments are redone. Have the next meeting the 28th of March at 2:30.

Motion to adjourn by Parsils; seconded by Bober. Passed 3-0-0. Adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Wheeler