

Policy Committee Meeting
September 29, 2015

Present: Steve Hahn (chair), Robert Hassett, Jennifer Crawford, Patricia Parenteau and Carol Fogarty.

1. New Policy Committee Membership

The HDSB, at the 8/3/15 meeting, voted to change the membership of the policy committee to: 2 school board members, the superintendent, the executive assistant to the superintendent, 1 school administrator, the school resource officer and a community member. Letters were sent to the current community members on the committee informing them of this change and encouraged them to contact Carol Fogarty if they wished to continue on the committee – none responded. Supt. Hassett will ask the principals if they have suggestions of possible parents who may be interested. Other names mentioned were Babette Haley and Karen Pelicano.

2. Minutes – 3/31/15 and 4/14/15

Both sets of minutes were reviewed. Clarification of the 4/14/15 minutes was needed in order to determine the intent of the committee. Those who were present at that meeting clarified that the committee recommended the repeal of district policy KDB Public's Right to Know; that NHSBA sample policy KFA Public Conduct on School Property replace the district's policy KFA; and that NHSBA sample policy BEDG be moved forward to the school board as presented with the removal of the wording "...according to policy BEC" and "Appendix BEDG-R Access to minutes and public records". Steve Hahn moved to amend the minutes (as stated); seconded by Supt. Hassett. Called to vote – 3 yes, 1 abstention.

Supt. Hassett moved to accept the 3/31/15 minutes as written and the 4/14/15 minutes as amended; Steve Hahn seconded. Called to vote – all in favor.

3. Policy Revisions Required for Federal Funding

a. ILBA Assessment – NHSBA ILBA Assessment of Educational Programs

Patricia Parenteau has brought these 2 policies to the committee, noting that federal funds are being withheld until the revisions of these policies are approved by the school board. The committee compared the district's policy to the NHSBA sample policy noting the minor changes. Supt Hassett moved to replace the district's ILBA with the NHSBA's ILBA Assessment of Educational Programs with the change in the 2nd paragraph under Administration... "Disabled students..." to :Students with disabilities..." and move the revision forward to the school board; seconded by Jen Crawford, Called to vote – all in favor.

b. IHBA Programs for Pupils with Disabilities

Patricia Parenteau informed the committee that the only change is that the appendix must be attached to the policy as the Procedural Safeguards are required by law. Supt

Hassett motioned to move the revision forward to the school board; seconded by Jen Crawford, Called to vote – all in favor.

4. New Required Policies due to Changes to the Statutes

a. ILDA Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys and Research

Due to the passage of RSA 186:11,IX-d, school districts are required by law to have this policy. Supt. Hassett made a motion to move this policy forward to the school board for a first reading, seconded by Jen Crawford, Called to vote – all in favor.

5. Policy Revisions Required due to Changes to the Statutes

a. JCA Change of School or Assignment

The committee reviewed and noted the differences between the district's policy and the NHSBA's updated policy. Supt. Hassett moved to replace the district's policy JCA with the NHSBA's updated JCA and move it forward to the school board as a revision, seconded by Jen Crawford, Called to vote – all in favor.

b. JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying

The committee reviewed and noted the differences between the district's policy and the NHSBA's updated policy. Supt. Hassett moved to replace the district's policy JICK with the NHSBA's updated JICK and move it forward to the school board as a revision, seconded by Jen Crawford, Called to vote – all in favor.

Steve Hahn will not be able to attend the next meeting on October 20th; but Rich Pelletier will be attending and chairing the meeting.

Jen Crawford moved to adjourn at 4:40pm – seconded by Supt. Hassett - All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Fogarty