

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

June 2, 2021

In attendance: Chair, Heather Ingham, Tammy Mahoney, Dawn Dutton, Brian Stack and Superintendent Thomas Ambrose.

Chair Ingham called the meeting called to order at 5:00 PM in Room 121 of Middle School Wing at Sanborn Regional High School and asked for a review of the Minutes of [5-11-21](#).

Ms. Dutton made a Motion to approve the Minutes of 5-11-21 as written, seconded by Ms. Mahoney. There was no discussion. The vote was all in favor.

Ms. Ingham reported there are two policies to review today: [JIC](#) (Student Conduct) and [JICD](#) (Student Discipline and Due Process).

Mr. Ambrose welcomed Mr. Stack to the meeting and gave a background on these two law-driven policies, which NHSBA recommends as a priority and administrators have already reviewed. He said JIC is the policy statement regarding Student Conduct and JICD is the procedure for handling that policy. He said JICD changes the suspension rules so we will set up a process going forward for working on behavior plans, etc. This is essentially an unfunded mandate. The first step would be the School Board adopting the policy, which reflects the law, and then we work on the implementation of it. He added that he would ask for a 1st and 2nd read at the next Board meeting to allow time to prepare for the implementation.

Mr. Stack agreed with his recommendation saying that given the many parameters they work with in the student population, having this new system will require looking at things through the lens of alternative options at different levels, which is a good theory. However, over time it is going to add paperwork for all the processes, additional training for staff, and additional programming to put in place.

Mr. Ambrose commented on the unfunded costs of management activities as well as the expectations and consequences for student behavior. The group reviewed the details, comments and revisions of Policy JIC.

Ms. Mahoney made a Motion to send Policy JIC to the School Board for approval with a 1st and 2nd read, seconded by Ms. Ingham. There was no further discussion. The vote was all in favor.

The group moved on to reviewing the details, comments and revisions of Policy JICD. Mr. Ambrose will contact NHSBA attorney Will Phillips regarding some confusion on “Restriction from school activities” and get back to the group. Discussion ensued. More questions came up that are slated for attorney feedback.

Ms. Ingham asked for a Motion to send Policy JICD to the School Board for approval with a 1st and 2nd read pending the resolution of outstanding issues, moved by Ms. Dutton and seconded by Ms. Mahoney. No further discussion. The vote was all in favor.

Ms. Ingham asked for future agenda items. None at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Recorder: Phyllis Kennedy