

**SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

August 17, 2022

In attendance: Heather Ingham, Moira Bashaw, Jim Baker (via remote), Business Administrator Matt Angell, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Christine Desrochers, and Superintendent Thomas Ambrose.

Chair Ingham called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM and recognized remote member Jim Baker, asking him to identify his location and whether anyone was in the room with him.

Mr. Baker said I am at a home in Chilmark MA and there is no one in the room with me, but there may be someone coming in and out occasionally.

Chair Ingham asked for a Motion to approve the Minutes of 6-1-22. Ms. Bashaw made a Motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Baker. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: All in Favor.

Ms. Ingham said we have five policies to review as follows:

1. JICJ- Cell Phone and Electronic Devices- Chair Ingham asked for discussion.

Mr. Baker said he is 1000% in favor of this policy

Mr. Ambrose gave a summary of the policy whereby phones (as a rule) need to be put away and either shut off, silenced, or put in airplane mode during instructional time and videotaping is never allowed. In discussion with district teachers recently the vast majority were adamant that phones are a huge distraction. The decision was made to allow students to use their phones during passing times and lunches.

Mr. Baker added that research shows that these devices are a huge contributor to depression in young people.

Chair Ingham asked about students who use them for music during testing. Mr. Ambrose responded that we would have special accommodations for those with IEPs and will work that out with their laptops. If the student needs something, the school will provide it for them.

Chair Ingham asked for a Motion to approve Policy JICJ for a 1st and 2nd Read, moved by Mr. Baker, and seconded by Ms. Bashaw. Roll Call Vote: All in Favor.

2. BEDH-Public Participation at Board Meetings- Chair Ingham asked for discussion.

Mr. Baker moved to approve Policy BEDH for a 1st and 2nd Read, seconded by Ms. Bashaw. Mr. Ambrose said we already updated this policy last summer and this is not a significant change. **Roll Call Vote: All in Favor.**

3. IKB-R-Homework Guidelines- Ms. Desrochers reviewed the recommended changes regarding our grading system that reflect a directive and vote at the Middle School and High School level.

Chair Bashaw made a Motion to approve Policy IKB-R for a 1st and 2nd Read, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker said he likes the elementary school level and is OK with the Middle School level but

the High School level where it says that time spent on homework will vary depending on the type of homework assigned. He feels that it should say a specific time just like what is on the former grades, that there should be a guideline and not be so open-ended.

Ms. Ingham said it depends on the class.

Superintendent Ambrose pointed out the verbiage in the policy that says *Homework will typically be of a longer duration than the middle school.*

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor.

4. [ILBAA-High School Graduation Competencies](#)- Chair Ingham introduced the policy.

Mr. Baker made a Motion to approve the policy for a 1st and 2nd Read, seconded by Ms. Bashaw.

No discussion

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor.

5. [IK-Earning of Credit](#)- Chair Ingham introduced policy IK.

No Discussion

Ms. Bashaw made a Motion to approve Policy IK for a 1st and 2nd Read, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor.

The next meeting is September 7, 2022, at 5:20 PM

Chair Ingham adjourned the meeting at 5:37 PM

Recorder:

Phyllis Kennedy
District Clerk