## Monadnock Regional School District Policy Committee Meeting Minutes December 2, 2020

## Virtual Meeting via Zoom:

Members Present: Kristen Noonan, Winston Wright, Scott Peters and Colleen Toomey.

- **1. Public Comments:** There were no public comments:
- 2. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2020. MOTION: S.Peters MOVED to approve the November 4, 2020 Policy Committee Minutes as presented. SECOND: W. Wright VOTE: C.Toomey-yes, W. Wright-yes, S. Peters-yes and K. Noonan-yes. Motion passes.
- 3. Policies Pending Returned by Board for Review/Revision: (0)
- 4. Policies Under Construction (with Committee) (0)
- 5. Policies Referred to Administration (11)
  - a. EBBC/JLCE First Aid & Emergency Medical Care (referred on 8.14.19 & 2.5.20)
  - b. EBBC-R Safety Drills (referred on 8.14.19 & 2.5.20)
  - c. EFCA/EFFA School Lunch Payment Policy:
  - d. GCBD/TBD Non CBA Staff Leaves of Absence (referred on 10.22.19)
  - e. GCOC Evaluation of Administrative Staff (referred on 10.3.18)
  - f. JH Student Absences, Absenteeism and Truancy (referred on 5.6.20)
  - g. JLA Student Insurance Program (referred on 5.6.20)
  - h. TBD Drug/Alcohol testing for Van Drivers (employees) (referred on 3.5.19)
- 6. Policies Referred to Other Committees (4)
  - a. IKFG-Career Readiness Pathways & Credentials:
- 7. New Policy Requests from Board or Administration (0)
- 8. Selected Policies from Current Backlog (0)
  - a. KAA-School-Community Relations Goals: It was explained that Policy IJO/KA would replace Policy KAA. MOTION: C. Toomey MOVED to retire Policy KAA. SECOND: W. Wright. VOTE: Unanimous for those present. Motion passes.
  - **b. BEDB-AgendaPreparation and Dissemination:** S. Peters has taken his pen to this policy. He is presenting his suggestions. **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to approve

Policy BEDB with the edits presented and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. Toomey. **DISCUSSION:** K. Noonan said the edits are good, basically what we are doing now. S.Peters said he had a conversation with Will Philips on how the meeting should be run and when members ask for very narrow specific items to be on the agenda. Will Philips said it is the will of the Board regarding the agenda and how we run the meeting. He would like to have the members sign and honor the Board Ethics Policy possibly in the next 6 months. W. Wright said he signed the Board Ethics Policy due to the change in the policy. The committee did change "brought before the meeting" to "proposed" in the 6th paragraph of Policy BEDB. There were also additional edits to the policy. **VOTE:** S. Peters-abstain, W. Wright-yes, C. Toomey-yes, K. Noonan-yes. **Motion passes.** 

- c. BEDDA-Board Meeting-Rules of Procedure & Order: K. Noonan explained this policy was last revised in June of 2020. There have been some issues of rescinding and reconsideration of motions. S. Peters suggested multiple edits to the policy.

  MOTION: W. Wright MOVED to approve Policy BEDDA as presented with the edits and to forward to the full Board as a first read. SECOND: C. Toomey. DISCUSSION: The committee discussed an issue if the chair and the vice chair are not present at a meeting. The policy states the meeting will be run by the senior most member. W. Wright said in the past the Chair has appointed someone. S. Peters would suggest the Superintendent shall open the meeting and a motion for a temporary chair shall be called. This person will act as the chair for the duration of the meeting. VOTE: S. Peters-abstain, W. Wright-yes, K. Noonan-yes, C. Toomey-yes. Motion passes.
- d. BEDH-Public Comment and Participation at Board Meetings: S. Peters explained the Superintendent and the Chair will prepare the agenda. They will see where the public comments will fit best. The committee reviewed the policy and made edits. MOTION: W. Wright MOVED to accept Policy BEDH with the edits and to forward to the full Board as a first read. SECOND: C. Toomey. VOTE: Unanimous for those present. Motion passes.
- **e. EBB-Safe Schools:** K. Noonan presented both the NHSBA policy and the MRSD policy. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to update Policy EBB with the NHSBA policy and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- f. GBCD-Background Investigation and Criminal History Check: K. Noonan explained this policy was last updated in January 2020. It was suggested to send this to the Superintendent to review. S. Peters mentioned the district brought in the finger printing process. They may want to change the policy. MOTION: W. Wright MOVED to send Policy GBCD to the Superintendent to review. SECOND: K. Noonan. VOTE: Unanimous for those present. Motion passes.
- **9. Other Business:** There is no other business.
- 10. Remaining Backlog Policy Log / Status Review:

- 11. Assignments and Agenda for Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on January 6, 2021. It was mentioned there were policies from School Board Members. S. Peters spoke about the other committees and possibly contacting them to help set up their policy process. Finance and Facilities would be able to start the process. Look at their policies and give them homework. The Education Committee is just getting started. They might be able to begin by the end of the Board cycle. K. Noonan will send an email to B. Tatro and W. Wright. C. Toomey suggested the committees be invited if a topic related to them comes up. S. Peters said we need to prepare for the other committee meetings.
  - **12. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- **13. Motion to Adjourn: MOTION:** C. Toomey **MOVED** to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting at 8:22 PM. **SECOND:** S. Peters **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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MRSD Recording Secretary