

**Monadnock Regional School District
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 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 September 2, 2020. MOTION:** C. Toomey **MOVED** to approve the September 2, 2020 Policy Committee Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W.Wright
VOTE: C.Toomey-yes, W. Wright-yes, S. Peters-abstain 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. **KA/IJO/KAA - Community Relations Goals & Objectives** (referred on 4.3.19)
 - b. **IKFG - Career Readiness Pathways & Credentials** (referred on 3.4.20)
7. **New Policy Requests from Board or Administration (0)**
8. **Selected Policies from Current Backlog (0)**
 - a. **EBBD-Indoor Air Quality:** K. Noonan explained the MRSD policy was adopted in 2011 and the NHSBA sample policy was in the bulletin as a point of reference and changed in 2014. The only changes were legal references. The MRSD 3rd paragraph in the policy was the only change in 2011. K. Noonan spoke of essential oil diffusers and that they may be harmful to children. S. Peters commented the principals should be able to address those issues. K. Noonan said this policy was in the

bulletin. W. Wright said we should wait for D. LaPointe. S. Peters said we did have D. LaPointe bring people in to give a report on the air quality. We have a warrant article. There is nothing underway. There is no update. S. Peters said D. LaPointe will not respond due to no additional data. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to update Policy EBBB's legal references as per the NHSBA sample policy. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

b. IJO/KA-School, Family and Community Partnerships: K. Noonan explained the policy is exactly the same to the NHSBA sample except for the legal references. The MRSD Policy KA was last looked at in 1993. She feels it essentially has the same information. It was in the bulletin and it is required by law. Policy KA is very out of date. **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to update Policy IJO/KA with the NHSBA sample policy and forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. Toomey **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

c. IMBA-Distance Education: K. Noonan explained this policy is required by law only if the district offers distance education. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to update Policy IMBA with the NHSBA sample policy and to forward to the full Board for a first read. **SECOND:** C. Toomey. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

d. EBCG-Communicable and Infectious Disease: K. Noonan explained this was in the NHSBA bulletin. They did a complete overhaul on the health issues. She explained the current policy does not allow a student to go to school with symptoms. S. Peters commented the nurses can make the judgement calls. The committee would like to review to see if Policy JLCG is on the books. K. Noonan asked if this should be referred to the administration. S. Peters is hesitant to refer to the administration. It is very procedural and nurses could red ink it to death. Procedural administration owned but not Board owned. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to refer Policy EBCG to the Superintendent for review. **SECOND:** C. Toomey. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

e. JLCG-Exclusion of Students who present a hazard: It was commented Policy JLCG is exclusive to students who present a hazard. It is not on the books; it is recommended but not required by law. S. Peters felt the title name was terrible. It was commented that Policy EBCG and JLCG overlap in language and EBCG is more procedural. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA sample Policy JLCG and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

f. JLCA/JLCA-R-Physical Examination of Students: K. Noonan explained there are a lot of updates from the NHSBA in their sample policy. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to update Policy JLCA with the NHSBA sample policy and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. Toomey **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** K. Noonan explained the forms from the NHSBA JLCA-R sample policy look nicer. A friendly amendment to add the NHSBA sample Policy JLCA-R to Policy JLCA.

g. JLCB-Immunization of Students: K. Noonan explained Immunizations of Students was last updated in 2001. K. Noonan explained there is a NHSBA sample Policy form JLCB-R. K. Noonan commented it may be something nice to have. It is basically a letter signed by the parent and notarized. It is referenced in the NHSBA

policy. A medical exemption requires a doctor's recommendation. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to update Policy JLCB to the NHSBA sample policy and to retire JLCA-R. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **DISCUSSION:** S. Peters explained there is a specific form from the State. DHHS has a form. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

9. **Other Business:** K. Noonan explained there was a request from a Board Member to look at Policy BEDH on how School Board Meetings are run. She will put that on the next agenda. The policy is very narrow and specific. S. Peters explained he has been working with Will Philips and L. Witte on how to handle when a Board Member asks for an agenda item for their own interest and not the will of the Board.

10. **Remaining Backlog** [Policy Log / Status Review](#):

11. **Assignments and Agenda for Next Meeting: December 2, 2020. The committee will review required by law policies, Policy BEDB and Policy BEDH.**

S. Peters has invited K. Noonan to a Fin/Fac Committee meeting to help with the policy process.

K. Noonan informed the committee the Policy Meetings will continue via Zoom.

12. **Public Comments:** S. Peters said K. Noonan is doing a great job.

13. **Motion to Adjourn:** **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting at 8:05 PM. **SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Aivaliotis
MRSD Recording Secretary