

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2019  
MRSD SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Scott Peters, Winston Wright and Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas. **Absent:** Kristen Noonan

**Also Present:** K. Stone, Principal and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary

1. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
2. Approval of Minutes **MOTION:** W. Wright **MOVED** to accept the December 5, 2018 Policy Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** C. McDaniel-Thomas-abstain, W. Wright-yes and S. Peters-yes. **Motion passes.**
3. [Policy Log / Status Review](#)
  - a. **Pending First Read (Board Level)** (0)
  - b. **Pending Second Read (Board Level)** (9)
  - c. **Under Construction (with Committee)** (6)
    - i. Referred to Administration
      1. **EEAEAA-Drug & Alcohol Testing of Bus Drivers:** S. Peters explained the administration is looking to see if the RSA and policies refer to only the buses or the vans as well. They are also checking to see who keeps the background check and other information on the drivers.
      2. **GCOC-Evaluation of Administrative Staff:** L. Witte is referring this policy to the appropriate group.
      3. **JKAA-Child Restraint and Seclusion:** This policy is being reviewed by the appropriate group.
      4. **IHBCA-Pregnant Students:** L. Witte has sent this policy to the appropriate group.
  - d. **Referrals From Administration or Board** (0)
  - e. **Referrals from State/Fed/NHSBA** (13)
    - i. Book A: Foundations and Basic Commitments
      1. **ADC/GBED/JICG-Tobacco Products Ban Use and Possession:** S. Peters explained the policy has been updated to clarify e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine. The Board had previously adopted the NHSBA policy. The committee would like to replace the definition portion of the MRSD policy with the definition section of the NHSBA sample policy. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to update the 3 existing MRSD policies to include the NHSBA sample policy definition section and to forward it to the full Board for a first read. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
    - ii. Book B: Board Governance:
      1. **BCA-Board Member Ethics:** The committee discussed Policy BCA and BCA-R which is a form in which the Board might choose to sign. The Board does not currently have BCA-R. **MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA sample recommended policy and to add the last sentence of the MRSD Policy BCA. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **DISCUSSION:** It was suggested to bring BCA-R to the full Board to see what the feeling of the Board is. It was also suggested to leave the reference of BCA-R in the policy until the Board removes it. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

- iii. Book D: Fiscal Management: (0)
- iv. Book E: Support Services (3):
  - 1. **EBC-Crisis Prevention and Response:** S. Peters explained MRSD does not have this policy and the NHSBA has withdrawn this policy. The committee took no action.
  - 2. **EBCA-Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plans:** S. Peters said there have been significant changes to Policy EBCA, the DOE is now in charged with providing the Emergency Response Plan to the Director of Homeland Security. The District is no longer responsible for providing Homeland Security with the plan. It is now up to the DOE. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA Sample Policy EBCA and to forward it to the full Board for a first read. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
  - 3. **EHAB-Data Governance and Security:** L. Witte asked that the committee not take up this policy tonight.
  - 4. **EFCA-School Lunch Payment Policy:** S. Peters explained T. Walsh and J. Swanson asked the Policy Committee to review this policy tonight. The State is doing an inspection of the school payment plan in many School Districts. T. Walsh and J. Swanson have made their recommended edits to the policy. The Committee reviewed the edits and made several other edits. K. Stone was asked about the policy. He stated the policy was emailed but never adhered to because it did not work. He said the students would bring in the money for their lunches with no student's name or teacher's name on the envelopes. We need to literally do better. He commented the elementary and the MSHS are not the same. **K. Stone leaves the meeting.** The committee also felt it was not fair for a student not to participate in the graduation ceremony due to lack of lunch payments. The committee carefully reviewed this policy and made many edits. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to adopt the edits to the MRSD Policy EFCA as presented by the committee and to forward the policy to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- v. Book G: Personnel (1):
  - 1. **GADA-Employment References and Verification:** S. Peters explained we do not have this policy on our books. This will fulfil the requirements for ESSA. C. McDaniel-Thomas has a problem with this policy and would like to refer it to the administration.
- vi. Book I: Instruction (1):
  - 1. **IMGA-Service Animals in Schools:** The committee will review this policy next time.
- vii. Book J: Students: (1):
  - 1. **JCA-Change of School or Assignment-Best Interests:** S. Peters explained L. Witte felt there was no need to update this policy. The committee took no action on the recommendation of the administration.
- viii. Book K: School-Community-Home Relations: (1):
  - 1. **KEE-Website Accessibility and Grievance:** The committee would like to save this policy until they can speak with the Director of Technology.

4. **Agenda for Next Meeting** - February 6, 2019, 6:30 PM SAU Conference Room
5. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
6. **Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.  
**SECOND:** W. Wright **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura L. Aivaliotis**  
**Recording Secretary**