

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Tom Newkirk, James Morse, Catherine Plourde, Wendy DiFruscio

Visitors: 0

Denise called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

Dr. Morse opened the meeting with policy and procedure IMGA – Service Animals as the District has received a request for the 2018-19 school year for a student at the elementary school. Jim then turned the meeting over to Catherine Plourde to review the steps that have been taken so far. Catherine explained that the existing policy was reviewed a year ago by legal counsel with a suggested change to remove a paragraph that was too vague. When she was informed of this request she has had numerous meetings with the parent and also with legal counsel. It was determined that a revised policy and procedure would be generated and implemented for the next school year. Catherine explained that the elementary school teachers and parents were informed of this possible addition of a service animal to bring awareness to all in case of allergies or a fear of dogs. She went on to explain different scenarios and procedures that would need to be implemented if a service animal was approved to enter the school. She explained that the School District would not be responsible for the dog and the child must have complete control. The Board asked a few clarifying questions with a brief discussion. Catherine added that they would need to educate staff and that the dog is always working. Catherine explained that the nurses are very involved with the medical aspect of this student and there is a plan in place. Due to the nature of this policy and procedure and the fact that the Board has a summer schedule of meetings; it was requested by legal counsel that this policy and procedure be adopted together at the next meeting for both a first and second read without amendment.

Catherine left the meeting at 3:55 PM.

Policy BB – School Board Legal Status was reviewed with no changes.

Policy BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment – both the existing and the NHSBA policies were reviewed. It was decided that wording from the NHSBA policy pertaining to cooperative school districts will be added to the existing policy. This is ready for a first read.

Policy BBBF- Student Representative to the School Board – This policy was reviewed, and slight changes were made to this policy and is ready for a first read.

Policy BCA – School Board Member Ethics – the existing and the NHSBA version were reviewed and additional information will be taken from the NHSBA version and inserted into the existing policy. Ready for first read.

There was a discussion on the request for dates for the next meeting. Wendy will create the list of meetings for the 2018-19 school year for distribution.

Meeting ended at 4:15 PM – Next meeting September 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio