

Massena Central School Board of Education
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes—Nov. 28, 2018

Attending: Paul Haggett, Amber Baines, Robert LeBlanc and Superintendent Pat Brady

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 6121- Sexual Harassment

- Left over from October meeting.
- Outstanding question was that in the process for investigating sexual harassment complaints there was no appeal within the District beyond the Civil Rights Compliance Officer (CRCO). The old regulations contained an appeal to the Board of Education.
- Pat contacted counsel Susan Johns who advised that the appeal should be to outside agencies as listed. xx. NYS Division of Human Rights. The BOE should not be involved with such investigations. The CRCO would give report to administration to decide on any discipline, if warranted.
- Recommend draft policy without changes from previous meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Policy 7310 Student Code of Conduct and Discipline

- Reviewed by principals Sarah Boyce and Alan Oliver.
- Made a change in regards to vaping- added language that defines vaping and added vaping devices as contraband.
- There will be a public hearing as required for revised student Code of Conduct.

CONCUSSIONS & STUDENT PHYSICALS

Policy 7512 Student Physicals

- Reviewed by Head Nurse AnneMarie Miller.
- Language added that students need approval by the medical director before participation in sports.
- Policy will allow students to go to their own doctor-provide clearance for them- then it will go to the school medical director for final approval to return to play after a concussion.

Policy 7518 Head/Brain Injuries & Concussions

- Reviewed by Head Nurse AnneMarie Miller.
- Added language to provide training on concussion management to coaches, nurses and PE teachers.
- Will provide parents/guardians info on prevention strategies.

- Created procedure 7518P.2 provides standing emergency protocols for teachers and club advisors for dealing with concussions.

POLICY REVIEW - 8000 SERIES:

Policy 8430 – Independent Study

- Reviewed by Sarah Boyce.
- Added language about awarding credit on successful completion of independent study.
- Rescind regulation—previous language contained now in the revised policy.

Policy 8450 –Home Tutoring

- Reviewed by HR Specialist Tracey Supernault
- Added language about reasons for student illness and required physician certification initially and after 30 days.
- Added language about type of instruction and periodic review of program effectiveness.
- Also revised Regulation 8450R to add language about required hours of instruction and HR responsibility for recruiting tutors.

Policy 8470 –Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

- Reviewed by Director of Curriculum Stephanie Allen who is responsible for administering the home schooling policy.
- Policy title was changed to ‘home instruction’ for purposes of clarity.
- Added language about special education such as timeline for parents to request services from the District.
- No changes to regulation 8470R.

Policy 8471 –Home Schooling—Participation in Extracurricular Activities

- Reviewed by Stephanie Allen.
- Recommend rescind as provisions contained in Policy 8470.

Policy 8475 – Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

- Reviewed by Stephanie Allen
- Recommend rescind as provisions contained in Policy 8470.

Policy 8480 – Summer School

- Reviewed by Director of Guidance Bob Jordan.
- No changes recommended to policy.
- Language is taken from Education Law which has not changed.

- District looking at possible on-line summer school program for next year instead of the BOCES.
- Regulation 8480R – Summer School --made two changes as there is no longer two days of ELA Regents exams or Regents Competence Test (RCT).

Next BOE Policy Committee meeting: December 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Mr. Brady's office.