Concord/Concord-Carlisle School Committees Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021 10:00 AM

Present: Laurie Hunter, Dorothy Presser (MASC), Alexa Anderson, Fatima Mezdad, Eva Mostoufi, Kate Hanley (Town of Concord)

- 1. Ms. Mezdad called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Roll call attendance was taken: Anderson, present; Mezdad, present; Mostoufi, present.
- 2. Vote to Approve Minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Mezdad, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the meeting minutes of 1.20.21. The motion passed by roll call: Anderson, aye; Mezdad, aye; Mostoufi, aye.
- 3. Policies Reviewed:
 - Town of Concord's Sustainable Fleet Policy
 - File: JFABB Admission of Exchange Students
 - File: JIH Student Complaints and Grievances

Town of Concord's Sustainable Fleet Policy - Concord's Sustainability Director, Kate Hanley, reviewed the recently approved Town of Concord's sustainable vehicle policy that encourages purchasing electric vehicles, if possible, before other vehicles. Dr. Hunter stated that the district has several vehicle policies, but does not have a similar policy. The subcommittee discussed adding an additional policy similar to the towns or updating an existing vehicle policy to add language similar to the town's policy. Ms. Mostoufi asked if adding this policy would lock the district into buying only electric vehicles and Ms. Hanley stated that the policy is meant to be flexible and doesn't lock anyone into spending money that's not budgeted for an electric vehicle. After further discussion, Ms. Hanley and Ms. Mezdad agreed to collaborate on updating policy EEAEB-R and bring it back to the next meeting for review.

Ms. Presser noted that the district has two similar policies on idling, EEAEF and EEAEJ.

File: JFABB - Admission of Exchange Students – Ms. Mezdad stated that she wanted to bring this policy back to the subcommittee for discussion because she felt it was taking a prerogative from the School Committee, suggesting it remain as it was prior to the change made at the previous meeting, with the School Committee giving final approval. Dr. Hunter stated that the School Committee would retain authority but would not actually be looking at the list of exchange students. The subcommittee had a lengthy discussion on this policy and discussed the school committee's role in approving and/or being notified of exchange students, agreeing that either the policy needed to be updated or the practice needed to be adjusted.

A motion was made by Ms. Mostoufi, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to accept Policy JFABB as presented to the School Committee on February 23, 2021. Ms. Mezdad noted her concern with taking away an authority that the School Committee has through the existing policy. The motion passed by roll call: Anderson, aye; Mezdad, nay; Mostoufi, aye. The policy will be brought to the School Committee for approval.

File: JIH – Searches and Interrogations – Dr. Hunter noted that the SC asked if there were any legal references to add to this policy. Ms. Presser stated that MASC does not have any legal references on this policy. The subcommittee agreed to add this policy to the next Policy Subcommittee meeting agenda after looking into the legal references.

5. Adjournment. A motion was made by Ms. Mezdad, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by roll call: Anderson, aye; Mezdad, aye; Mostoufi, aye, and the meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Higgins

Approved: 3.18.21