

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2021

1. The meeting was convened at 10:10AM
Present: Lauren Skiff (Chair), Donna P. Leake (Superintendent)
Absent: Jessica Perry
2. The committee reviewed the following policies and recommended the following actions:
 - A. Policy 1212, Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees: Send this policy to the BOE for a first reading. The most recent review of this policy was triggered by recent changes in health protocols. The health protocols do not include testing or vaccination requirements unless the non-employee is in regular contact with students. Since this policy was last reviewed in 2014, other suggested revisions (redlined copy) bring the policy up to date with the most current S&G model policy. The school administration will review for any specific school-based procedures that need to be changed or retained.
 - B. Policy 1250, School Visitors and Observations: Send this policy to the BOE for a first reading. The most recent review of this policy was triggered by recent changes in health protocols. The health protocols do not include testing or vaccination requirements. Since this policy was last reviewed in 2014, other suggested revisions (redlined copy) bring the policy up to date with the most current S&G model policy. The school administration will review for any specific school-based procedures that need to be changed or retained.
 - C. Policy 3515, Facilities/ Building Use: Send this policy to the BOE for a first reading. The most recent review of this policy was triggered by recent changes in health protocols. The health protocols do not include testing or vaccination requirements. The school administration will review for any specific school-based procedures that need to be changed or retained. This policy will also need to be renumbered from the 3000 to the 1000 series.
 - D. Policy 5131.1, Transportation: Send this policy to the Transportation Committee for a review of specific safety regulations before the second reading. The most recent review of this policy was triggered by recent changes in health protocols and reflects any other changes in the S&G model policy since 2017. This policy will also be reviewed by school staff and transportation provider before the second reading.
 - E. Policy 5131.911, Bullying Prevention and Intervention: Send this policy to the BOE for a first reading. A change in the definition of bullying triggered the review of this policy.
 - F. Policy 5142, Student Health Services and related policies:
 - a. Although not required, keep Eastford's Student Health Services policy and number as Policy 5142. To avoid duplication with other regulations: retain the sections identified in italics, and strike the sections identified in ~~strikethrough font~~, as summarized below:

School District Medical Advisor
Health Records
~~Regular Health Assessments~~

~~Vision Screening~~
~~Hearing Screening~~
~~Postural Screening~~
Dental
~~Tuberculin Testing~~
Immunizations/Vaccinations
Immunization Clinics
Health Assessments/Interscholastic Sports Program
Communicable Diseases
Absences from School
Student Medical Care at School

b. Second, regarding Student Health Services - Health Assessments and Immunizations: Regulations; there are not many revisions to the Health Assessments/Screening portions of our policy but, because of the recent change in the law, there are significant updates to the immunization portions of Eastford's regulations. Moving forward, the Policy Committee recommends that the Board: (1) repeal Eastford's current Health Assessments, Screenings and Immunizations regulations (which combined 2 sets of regulations into one), (2) adopt the S&G model Health Assessments, Screenings, and Oral Health Assessments regulations as a separate document (number 5142a), (3) adopt our model Immunization regulations as a separate document (5142b) & (4) remove the link to Required Immunizations 2017-2018 from the website because an updated reference to state requirements is included in the updated model Immunization regulations.

Given the complexity of the redlined version, the S&G recommended model regulations regarding Assessments and Immunizations will be included in the 9/9/21 BOE meeting packet. Any BOE interested in receiving the redlined version can contact Donna. All the health-related policies and regulations were reviewed by our school nurse.

- G. Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest: This policy was last revised in 2016. Consistent with the process of updating older policies, the Policy Committee reviewed this policy with respect to current legislation and a recent update of the S&G model policy regarding the hiring of BOE members. The recommended amended policy will be included in the 9/9/2021 BOE meeting packet for a first reading.
- H. Policy 4116/4126, Nepotism: This policy was last reviewed in 2014. It is not a required policy, therefore the BOE could choose to repeal it. The Policy Committee is, however, recommending that the BOE retain an amended version of this policy. This amended version of this policy will be included as a first reading in the 9/9/2021 BOE meeting packet for a first reading.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 11:49AM.