

Educational Policy Committee

Agenda Minutes

November 7, 2023

7:00 - 8:15 pm

The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

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Working together to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all.

Members: Amanda Caruso, Gwen Doak, Debbie Smith, Kyle Fletcher

Other Board Members Present: Gloria McGraw

Staff: Monique Poulin, Christian Elkington

Other Staff Present: Doug Hodum, Keith Acedo, Melissa Brown, Nancy Ellis

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Doak
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM
2. Review Committee Minutes - Chair Doak
 - a. [10-3-2023](#)
 - b. [10-17-2023](#)
 - c. Questions?
 - None
3. Updates:
 - a. Tier 2 & 3 labels/explanation - Poulin
 - i. Assistant Superintendent Poulin handed out a review sheet that explained Tiers. She then shared a school example to explain progress levels and tiers of support.
 - ii. School ratings were shared
 1. CCHS met all categories and is not labeled as a Tiered School (did not get identified as they did not have a sub-group who met Tier 1)
 2. CBS is Tier 1
 3. MBMS & MBHS is at Tier 2 and will present next meeting
 4. Cushing & Mallett do not have a grade level that is assessed and measured under the Maine Tiered System.
 - b. [Academy Hill School Tier 3 Update](#) - Keith Acedo & Team
 - i. Keith Acedo, Nancy Ellis and Melissa Brown presented the update.
 - ii. The presentation showed growth across the board for AHS.

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- iii. Chronic absenteeism is a concern across the state, is a focus for our district, and at AHS.
 - iv. A concern about accurate data was shared as the assessment and measures have been changed at the state level again and again/
 - v. The coach attends all Leadership Team meetings.
 - vi. The many professional development opportunities to date were reviewed (math, ELA, SEL, BARR and PBIS). There are many anticipated opportunities on the horizon as well.
 - vii. There were several questions related to the data as well as kudos to all staff and students for their growth.
4. Re-approve Cooperative Hockey Agreement for 23-24 - Elkington
- a. [Agreement](#)
 - b. Questions
 - c. Approval
 - i. Voted to approve.
5. Policy Work - Elkington
- a. Policy Folders
 - i. Review (or no meaningful changes)
 - 1. [DN SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSITION](#)
 - a. Questions?
 - b. Approve Review Only?
 - i. Yes
 - 2. [DJ-R REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO 9 FEDERAL PROCUREMENT MANUAL](#)
 - a. Questions?
 - b. Approve Review Only?
 - i. Yes
 - 3. [EEAEAA DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS](#)
 - a. Questions?
 - b. Approve Review Only?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. Basic Updates and Changes
 - 1. [BID-R BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES](#)
 - a. Questions?
 - i. Gloria McGraw spoke to this item in regards to her experiences with the large number of meetings and responsibilities on members. The work is important and the time investment should be recognized especially for those members who are on multiple committees.

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- ii. Are board members compensated for each meeting (as well as mileage) that they are officially attending? Not sure if special meetings are included as it says in the policy. Should they be? All were in agreement yes.
- iii. Add committee meetings to the language for compensation. Also, add all other committee meetings that members are expected to attend? Maybe we are looking at a stipend for those who serve on the budget and negotiations committees?
- iv. Chris will craft a draft to include this payment model for regular, special and committee meetings as well as a possible stipend for negotiations and budget committees.

2. [DJ BIDDING/PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS](#)

- a. Questions?
 - i. We attempt to get three bids, but we are lucky to get one these past few years with fewer companies and more work needing to be completed across the state.
- b. Move to the Board for one reading only?
 - i. Yes

3. [DJH PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING: PROCUREMENT STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

- a. Questions?
- b. Move to the Board for one reading only?
 - i. Yes

4. [EEAEAA DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE](#)

- a. Questions?
- b. Move to the Board for one reading only?
 - i. Yes

5. [IHCDA POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS](#)

- a. Questions?
- b. Move to the Board for one reading only?
 - i. Yes

iii. Major Updates

1. [ACAAA Transgender and Gender Expansive Students](#)

- a. Review - This goes from guidelines to policy
- b. Questions?
- c. Next Steps?
 - i. Bring to board for two readings.

2. [IMG Animals in School](#)

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- a. Review - This replaces the current policy.
 - b. Questions?
 - c. Next Steps?
 - i. Bring to board for two readings.
 - iv. Brand New
 - 1. RSU 9 does not have this and are suggested to have
 - a. [DKC-R TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE](#)
 - i. Review
 - ii. Questions?
 - 1. What if the cost for car travel is less than air travel, if you chose to drive you it now says you would not have your hotel paid for. Chris will adjust with this feedback.
 - iii. Next Steps?
 - 1. Bring to board for two readings.
6. Next Mtg. Dec. 5, 2023
7. Adjourned at 8:30PM.
8. Future Agenda Items -
 - Volunteer Hour expectations for school boards
 - Building Use Discussion
 - Has had many changes over the last ten years
 - Do you want staff to be like nonprofits around custodial cleanup and costs?
 - [KF:](#) Community Use of School Facilities
 - [KF-R1:](#) Community Use of School Facilities - Regulations
 - Phonics, Mystery Science, & Math Book implementation/transition
 - Curriculum Rotation Plan
 - Elementary World Language
 - March 5th Review of SEL Playbook & Resources - Joel Smith
 - Grant Updates:
 - Transitions & Goals
 - Community Schools
 - ESEA
 - ESSER
 - Special Ed.

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- BARR
- Other?