

## RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT/POLICY COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting of June 4, 2015

Present: Diane Lyons, Mark Fleischhauer, Lisa Rosenthal, Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell (for part of the meeting)

#### New Business

Policy No. 5405: Student Wellness: Tom joined the meeting to discuss this policy. The district's Health and Wellness Committee (of which Tom is a member) has received a draft policy from the district's attorneys, incorporating current law and regulation. Tom distributed copies of this draft to the Committee and asked, on behalf of the Health and Wellness Committee, how the Committee wanted to proceed in reviewing this policy. After a brief discussion, the Committee requested that Tom ask the Health and Wellness Committee to review and revise the draft to customize it for the district, and to oversee the drafting of implementing regulations. Once that has happened, the Committee requested that the policy and regulation be circulated back for review. Tom proposed that the two committees might hold a combined meeting at some point to facilitate discussion, which suggestion was greeted favorably by the Committee.

Potential Policy on Selection Classification: Joe reported that the State Education Department has modified its regulations for middle school students competing on JV and Varsity athletic teams. Steve Boucher, the district's Athletic Director, is studying the modifications now and will work with Joe on providing a new or revised policy on this subject. The goal is for the Committee to receive and review the material this summer, so that the Board can approve it in time for the beginning of the Fall athletic season.

#### Old Business:

Policy No. 4526: Use of Computers by Staff and Students: Joe informed the Committee that this policy, which the Committee reviewed previously, has been substantially revised by Steve, with input from the district's attorneys. The Committee will review the draft handed out at the meeting and will discuss it at the next regular meeting.

Policy No. 4730: Homework – Joe provided the Committee with a revision reflecting comments from the administrators. The Committee had several comments regarding the revised policy and asked Joe for clarification on several issues. Joe will discuss these issues with the administrators and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

Potential Policy Regarding Religious Exemptions from Vaccination Requirements: Joe is still awaiting input from the district's attorneys.

Potential Policy Regarding Borrowing District Equipment: Joe is still awaiting input from the district's attorneys.

Potential Policy No. 9140.1: Staff Complaints and Grievances: Joe distributed a draft policy provided by the district's attorneys, as well as a draft Superintendent's Regulation. The Committee will review the draft and discuss it at the next regular meeting.

Potential Policy on Professional Development: Joe is still awaiting input from the district's attorneys.

Potential Policy on Wireless and Protecting Student Data: Joe informed the Committee that the State Education Department is developing a guidance on this topic, but that it has not yet been released. Joe recommended that the Committee hold off on a policy until he and Steve Jensen have received the guidance document and have had a chance to digest it.

Policy Nos. 0100, 0110, 0120, 0150, 3200, 5020.2, and 5120: These policies were previously reviewed by the Committee and the Committee had requested that Joe solicit input from the district's attorneys. Joe has requested but not yet received this input.

**Proposed Agenda for Next Regular Meeting (Date TBD):**

Continued review of district policies, starting from Policy No. 5154, "Assignment of Students to Classes." Follow up on previously discussed items.

Dated: June 9, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Rosenthal