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## **POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 28, 2019**

Attendance: Diane Lyons, Liz Raum, Mark Fleischhauer, Joe Phelan

### **#5220 Student Publications**

We reviewed the policy due to the topic of censorship raised in an article written for Rhinebeck Reality (vol. 2019-18: Issue 7, March 2019) and didn't see anything prohibitive. In order to fully understand the concerns, we are arranging for a meeting with the student author and the student Editor in Chief.

### **#5405 Student Mental Health**

Joe has edited the document tailoring the language to our district, and the Administrators have reviewed the policy confirming that we currently are or can easily be in compliance. There are some very minor edits still needed, but the document will be ready for a first reading by the Board at our next meeting.

### **Skippping Grade Policy**

We continued our discussion about what a skipping-grade policy may entail: by committee? Only elementary grades? What are the criteria and who sets the criteria? Joe will review the topic with Administrators.

### **Policy Book**

Whitney suggested that we add to the policy book then date that each policy is reviewed. It seemed like a good idea to the Policy Committee, and we will be doing so following each Policy Committee meeting.

**Next Meeting:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, depending upon availability of the Rhinebeck Reality student author and editor to discuss policy #5220

Respectfully submitted: Liz Raum

**Finance Committee Meeting** April 4, 2019

Attendance: Joe Phelan, Steve Jenkins, Elizabeth Raum, Tom Burnell, Mark Fleischhauer, Steve Jensen

### **JAMF Software**

Steve Jensen was present to give us a basic rundown of JAMF software which he is hoping to add this year's technology budget. The initial cost is \$16,550 (software and training) and qualifies for BOCES state aid. This software program, which is specifically for Apple devices, updates all software and applications automatically. Currently, we are manually updating each individual device in both buildings with software and application updates – which has become an impractical use of time and is not providing teachers with optimum performance. JPMF software will do the updates automatically and maintain a current inventory of our Apple devices (hardware and software).

### **Improvements Requiring Board Approval**

There are three leases that require Board approval before Dutchess BOCES agrees to purchase for our use (BOCES owns and insures whilst we lease). These leases are vital for our students and teachers to have the optimum experience with connectivity, security, and storage.

1. Adirondack Cabling: upgrade of internal fiber system for both buildings (ours is at the end of its lifespan). This upgrade is E-rate-able so we will receive a 50% rebate.
2. CSI: more switches and gigs improving our equipment and infrastructure. This upgrade is E-rate-able so we will receive a 50% rebate.
3. CSI: HPE Nimble Hybrid Array which is a virtual server (replacing storage system). Not E-rate-able.

### **Dark Fiber Network and An Aerial Solution**

Another key improvement for our buildings' connectivity is installing a dark fiber network. BestWeb can provide an aerial solution with a one-time installation price of \$62,240.00 and an annual maintenance fee of \$3,432.00 (repairs and damages covered). This project will be funded by the SMART School Bond Act, which requires the District to pay for the project up front. We will use excess funds in the Capital Fund, and NYS will reimburse us for the program after the project is completed so that the District is made whole, at which point we will return the funds into the Capital Fund. In addition, we also should be receiving eRate funding for this project.

### **4<sup>TH</sup> Draft Budget Review**

Changes include an additional non-resident tuition (expense), an increase in state aid, and Tom caught a typo in the building aid column which actually added to revenue. We are now \$47,961 below the tax levy limit.

### **Items for Consideration**

On this list items that are bold are recommended expenditures that are sustainable.

Next Meeting: May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully submitted: Liz Raum