

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

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Present: Anne Kirkpatrick, Rick Lees, Barbara Capuano, Sara Bollinger

(Items from CABE Update Summary August 17, 2015 & July 15, 2016)

6146 Graduation requirements

Legislature has extended the new graduation requirements once again. It will now be implemented with the class of 2022. However, the requirements are in conflict with the recommendations of the task force, which recommended eliminating the required 5 exams among other items. The legislature will do further review of the task force recommendations. We will keep this policy on hold.

Items from CABE Update Summary July, 2016

Three policies having to do with the change in the law for use of marijuana for under 18. Committee is recommending that we implement a separate policy (5131.601) rather than including it in our drug policy (5131.6).

4118.235 Medical Marijuana Standards

5131.6 Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco

5131.601 Medical (Palliative) use of Marijuana

4118.236/4218.236

3542 Food Service - this policy and background information was sent to Bill Boutwell for review. Not sure this applies to our program.

3542.34 Nutrition Program

1700 Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

Two issues need to be reviewed: do we need the information about the change with STV drivers or is this handled by the bus company? (check with Bill) and recommending we add the sentence about the motor vehicle inspector as recommended by CABE.

4112.51/4212.5 Employment/Reference Checks - decided this needs study and review by committee members. This large amount of new required information affects several policies.

4121 Substitute Teachers - wording needs to be adjusted as the Board does not directly hire substitute teachers.

4111/4211 Recruitment & Selection: although the CAFE policy refers to a recruitment program, the only part of the policy that is required to be changed is the information pertaining to the co-participant option in the retirement payment and the language pertaining to the hiring of retired certified educators.

3520.13 Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues - we approved this policy in May 26, 2015. However, there are additional items, word changes and additional requirements and restrictions. Policy and background has been sent to Rob Wilson. Rob has already been working on the new requirements. Will wait for Rob's input on new policy.

6142 Basic Instructional Program - background and policy was sent to Irene for review.

5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault - background and policy was sent to Denise for review.

Other: 4112.5 Fingerprinting: question raised on the optional wording within the policy. This will be affected by 4112.51 if we use it.

Next meeting: Monday August 22 at 6:00 pm.

4117.4 check