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**Lacey Township School District Board of Education
Policy Committee Meeting
Co-Curricular, Safety & Security, LTASA**

AGENDA - February 6, 2025 @ 4:15 pm

Dan Bell, **Chairperson**
Kim Klaus
Jack Conaty

Linda Walker, Alternate
William W. Zylinski - Acting Superintendent

New Policy/Regulations for Review and/or Discussion:

- P 5111- Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) - Revised

Policy Guide 5111 was previously revised in Policy Alert 231 to comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3. N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3 prohibits admission of nonresident students to a district without the payment of tuition, except for those nonresident students who are children of Board employed teaching staff members. However, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3 is vague in regards to what staff members are considered “teaching staff members” and also does not mention whether a student who moves to or from a school district in the middle of the school year is covered by N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3.

The New Jersey State Board of Education (NJSBE) recently published comments and responses for the proposed code revisions to N.J.A.C. 6A:22 “Student Residency”. Strauss Esmay submitted a comment requesting clarification regarding proposed language in N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.2 which addresses the new law, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3, specifically the exception to nonresident tuition requirements for children of nonresident school staff members.

The NJSBE responded that the exception to the tuition requirement outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3 only applies to staff members who are covered under the definition of “teaching staff member” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1. N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1 defines any position in which a staff member is required to possess a certificate granted by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners as a “teaching staff member”.

What NJSBE’s response means for districts is any non-certificated staff members, who do not reside in the district, but have been permitted to enroll their children in the educational program of the district without the payment of tuition, must now be charged a uniform tuition amount submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent (ECS), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3.

Districts may not permit non-certificated nonresident staff to enroll their children in the educational program in the district without the payment of tuition as approved by the ECS; however, districts may permit certificated nonresident staff members to enroll their children in the educational program

in the district with or without the payment of tuition at the discretion of the Board. In addition, if a district chooses to charge tuition to both certificated and uncertificated nonresident staff members, the amount charged may be different for certificated nonresident staff members than what is charged for non-certificated nonresident staff members because the Board is only required to submit for approval from the ECS the amount charged to non-certificated nonresident staff members.

*The clarification provided by the NJSBE requires revisions to Policy Guide 5111. Strauss Esmay revised some optional language in Policy Guide 5111 permitting staff members to enroll their children in the educational program of the district to reflect the new rule pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3. These revisions are complicated and required several new options to address the different combination of situations for a Board to consider. Policy Guide 5111 is **MANDATED***

- P 5710 - Student Grievance - Revised

*Policy Guide 5710 has been revised to provide more details regarding the student grievance process. The revised Policy Guide 5710 requires written documentation supporting the grievance, timelines to file a grievance, and timelines for a district official to respond to a grievance. The procedure in Policy Guide 5710 shall be used to address a student grievance unless the Board policy or act of a school employee being challenged is governed by a Board policy, regulation, or other grievance procedure specifically designed to address the conduct in question. Therefore, student grievances regarding matters specifically addressed by other Board policies would not be addressed by Policy Guide 5710. A Board may revise Policy Guide 5710 to meet local needs as there is no statute or administrative code that provides guidance in this area of student grievance. Policy Guide 5710 is **RECOMMENDED***

- P 9163 - Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (M) - New

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) is requiring every member school to adopt a Spectator Code of Conduct Policy during the 2024-2025 school year as per a NJSIAA Guidance dated May 8, 2024. NJSIAA has indicated member schools must adopt a policy that requires: immediate removal of a person(s) from the event and school premises for violating the policy; minimum disciplinary measures including suspension of a person(s) from attending future interscholastic events for violating the policy; a required educational component for violators; parent acknowledgment of receipt of a copy of the policy; and code of conduct provisions of the policy to be posted at all venues hosting competition, to the extent possible. The required policy shall also include an appeal process.

*Strauss Esmay has developed Policy Guide 9163 to align with the NJSIAA Guidance. However, NJSIAA is also requiring a district's policy to include increased disciplinary actions for multiple violations in a defined period of time to be determined by the district. Therefore, Strauss Esmay has developed a "Disciplinary Framework" for districts to consider; however; this "Disciplinary Framework" is a suggestion and may be revised as necessary to meet local needs. Furthermore, the disciplinary options one through three in Policy Guide 9163 were developed by Strauss Esmay as suggestions and may or may not be chosen by the district and if chosen may be revised as necessary to meet local needs. Policy Guide 9163 is **MANDATED***

- P 2365 - AI Policy (discussion)
- P/R 5516 - Cell Phone (discussion)
- P 5701 - Academic Integrity (discussion)

Co-Curricular - No agenda items to discuss

Safety and Security - No agenda items to discuss

LTASA - No agenda items to discuss

Other -

- 2024-2025 LTSD School Calendar - Revised
- 2025-2026 Child Study Team Calendar

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2024 @ 4:15 pm