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

AGENDA - Wednesday, November 16, 2022 @ 4:15 pm - Board Office Conference Room

Kim Klaus, **Chair**
Skip Peters
Linda Downing

Frank Palino, Alternate
Vanessa R. Pereira - Superintendent

New Policy/Regulations for Review and/or Discussion:

- P 1511 - Board of Education Website Accessibility (M) - (Revised)

*Policy Guide 1511 was developed in 2017 as a result of the United States Department of Education (USDOE), Office of Civil Rights (OCR) requirement for a school district's website content and functionality to be accessible for people with disabilities. Policy Guide 1511 was accepted by the OCR as part of a settlement agreement with several New Jersey school districts. School districts that receive Federal funding have been required to comply with the provisions of the Federal Law and the provisions of Policy Guide 1511. Strauss Esmay's website was recently upgraded to be in compliance with these Guidelines. The OCR regulations and N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35.1 do not mandate a policy, but compliance is required; therefore, Policy Guide 1511 is **MANDATED***

- P 2415 - Every Student Succeeds Act (M) - (Revised)

*Policy Guide 2415 has been revised to reflect the recently updated Title I Policy Guides 2415.04 and 2415.50 concerning Parent and Family Engagement. In Alert 227 – April 2022, Policy Guide 2415.04 was updated and Policy Guide 2415.50 was developed. "Parental Involvement" was revised to "Parent and Family Engagement" and the Policy numbers and titles were also updated. Policy Guide 2415 is mandated for schools that receive Title I funding. Policy Guide 2415 is **MANDATED***

- P 5722 - Student Journalism (M) - (New)

P.L. 2021, c. 309 was recently signed into law and codified at N.J.S.A. 18A:36-44 and N.J.S.A. 18A:36-45. The new statutes require school districts to adopt a written policy concerning student freedom of expression in accordance with the provisions of the new statutes. The new statutes include definitions; indicates a student journalist has the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in school-sponsored media; provides student expression that is not protected expression by a student journalist; includes a process school officials must follow when it is believed the student expression in school-sponsored media is not protected; and provides an appeal process of a school official's decision restraining student expression.

Many of the provisions in the new statutes are currently addressed in Strauss Esmay's current Policy Guide 2432 – School Sponsored Publications; however, now that New Jersey statutes address school-sponsored publications and student journalists, Strauss Esmay recommends Policy and Regulation 2432 be abolished and the Board adopt this new Policy Guide 5722. Most of the information included in Strauss Esmay's existing Policy and Regulation 2432 has been incorporated into the new Policy Guide 5722.

*Policy Guide 5722 is new and is mandated for a school district that has student journalists and school-sponsored media as defined in the New Jersey statutes and this Policy Guide. Policy Guide 5722 is **MANDATED***

- P/R 2432 - School Sponsored Publications - (Abolished as per above)
- P/R 5513 - Care of School Property (M) - (Revised)

Policy Guide 5513 has been revised to update language and include an updated legal citation. N.J.A.C. 6A:23-6.6 has been moved to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-20. This code section addresses the school district's right to reimbursement for damaged, lost, or destroyed textbooks loaned to a student. There are also several minor revisions to the language of Policy Guide 5513. In addition, Regulation Guide 5513 has been revised to include an updated process used to assess and collect textbook fines. The schedule of fines included in E.1. of the Regulation Guide has been removed and the schedule is now addressed in C.8. of the Regulation Guide indicating fines may be assessed for lost and damaged textbooks in accordance with a schedule as approved by the Superintendent or designee. Most provisions in the Regulation Guide are not governed by statute or administrative code. Therefore, a district may revise Regulation Guide 5513 to address local district practice regarding book fines.

*Policy Guide 5513 is **MANDATED***

*Regulation Guide 5513 is **MANDATED***

- P 8420 - Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) - (Revised)

Policy Guide 8420 has been updated to include the new language in N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7a. regarding school security drills. This new law requires a school district to ensure a school security drill that occurs when students are present and does not expose the students to content or imaging that is not developmentally or age-appropriate. The new law also provides a school district may permit emergency personnel access to the buildings and grounds of its schools for school security drills that are scheduled outside of school hours and during such times when students are not present. A school district shall now review and update its school security drill procedures using a process that coincides with the review of the school safety and security plan developed pursuant to N.J.A.C.

6A:16-5.1 and shall also collect input from emergency personnel, parents, teachers and staff, mental health professionals, and student government representatives from multiple grade levels. The new law also requires a school district to annually track data on such measures and information as required by the Commissioner of Education and also report the data to the Commissioner. Policy Guide 8420 is mandated. Policy Guide 8420 is **MANDATED**

- P/R - 9320 - Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) - (Revised)

Policy and Regulation Guides 9320 have been re-written to align with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2 which governs the development and implementation of policies and procedures for law enforcement operations in a school. All school districts must annually review, revise when appropriate, and adopt a “Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials” (MOA) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b)13 through 14. The MOA provides a much greater level of detail regarding N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6 and all of the requirements outlined therein. Strauss Esmay has included some requirements from the MOA under section C. of Regulation Guide 9320. This section of Regulation Guide 9320 addresses the requirement of Mandatory Reporting to Law Enforcement.

Policy and Regulation Guides 9320 have been re-written to reflect the required code language in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2 and to incorporate the school district’s MOA by reference throughout the Guides. This provides school districts greater flexibility to address their MOA annually without having to revise and adopt Policy and Regulation Guides 9320. This also ensures that as long as school districts annually review and adopt the MOA as required by law their Policy and Regulation 9320 will be up to date and accurate. If there are any subsequent changes to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2, Strauss Esmay will revise Policy and Regulation Guides 9320 to reflect those changes. Policy and Regulation Guides 5530 also address requirements from the MOA and is referenced within Policy and Regulation Guides 9320 to ensure all aspects of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2 are fully addressed. Policy and Regulation Guides 9320 are mandated and must be adopted by the Board.

*Policy Guide 9320 is **MANDATED***

*Regulation Guide 9320 is **MANDATED***

Co-Curricular

- Wrestling Room Update

Safety and Security - no agenda items to discuss

LTASA - no agenda items to discuss

Other - no agenda items to discuss

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 4:00 pm