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Lacey Township School District Board of Education

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 4:45 pm - Board Office

Call to Order: 4:45 pm

Members Present: Kim Klaus, Chairperson
Cheryl Armato, Committee Member
Jack Conaty, Committee Member
Vanessa R. Pereira - Superintendent

Members Absent: N/A

Discussion

- Policy/Bylaw 0155 - Board Committees - The committee discussed eliminating the Facilities Committee and returning it to the Finance Committee. Discussion followed.
- Policy/Regulation 5320 - Immunization - Dr. Pereira provided an overview of policy 5320 as it relates to exemptions. Discussion followed.
- Policy/Regulation 9180 - School Volunteers and Parents Involved in Education (P.I.E.) Proposal - Dr. Pereira shared a draft of the PIE proposal. Discussion followed.

New Policy/Regulations for Review and/or Discussion:

- Policy 2270 - Religion in the Schools - Revised

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) released an updated Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools (2023 Guidance) dated May 15, 2023. The 2023 Guidance replaces the 2020 Guidance dated January 16, 2020. The updates include minor revisions in the titles included in the 2023 Guidance.

- Policy/Regulation 3212 - Attendance - (M) Revised
- Policy/Regulation 4212 - Attendance - (M) Revised

Legislation signed on July 3, 2023 revising N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:30-4 expanded the allowable uses of sick time for school employees. The provisions in this recent legislation required revisions in Policy and Regulation Guides 3212 and 4212 that address staff attendance.

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

P.L. 2023, c. 61 was recently signed into law revising N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3. Policy and Regulation Guides 5111 have been revised to reflect the revisions to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3. In order to avoid redundancy, Policy Guide 5111 has been shortened mostly referencing statute and administrative code sections that are already included in the existing Regulation Guide 5111.

- Policy/Regulation 5116 - Education of Homeless Children & Youths - Revised

Policy Guide 5116 has been revised to update the term “homeless child” to “homeless child and youth.” This term has also been updated throughout Policy and Regulation Guides 5116.

Co-Curricular - No agenda items to discuss.

Safety and Security - No agenda items to discuss.

LTASA - No agenda items to discuss

Other

- The committee reviewed the following job descriptions that are on the December agenda for approval:
 - PIC - Preschool Instructional Coach
 - PIRS - Preschool Intervention Referral Specialist
 - CPIS - Community Parent Intervention Involvement Specialist (Social Worker)
- Administrators Coaching - The committee discussed the provision in the LTASA contract that outlines whether administrators can serve in co-curricular positions. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: Approximately 5:30 pm

Next Meeting: January 10, 2024 @ 4:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa R. Pereira, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools