

MINUTES
SAU 39 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL* WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2016 ***FINAL**
BRICK SCHOOL BOARD ROOM

PRESENT:

Superintendent Warburton, SCSC Board Member: Howard Brown, **SCSC Board Member:** Steve Coughlan, **MVVS Board Member:** Sarah Lawrence, **AMS Board Member:** Amy Facey, **AMS Board Member:** Galen Tremblay

Call to order at 12:17 pm.

Motion: Approve Minutes

Sarah Lawrence motioned to approve the August 16, 2016 and September 28, 2016 minutes. **Steve Coughlan** seconded the motion and was unanimously accepted.

Discussion: SAU 39 Policy Site

Superintendent Warburton asked **Pam Boilard** (Executive Assistant) to come in to the meeting and explain the work she has completed for the SAU 39 web site. She has added a tab button for SAU Committees and will have a dropdown with a button for the policy committee. This page will have agendas, minutes, links to policies and other information as needed.

Discussion: Policy JICH (Student Use of Drugs and Alcohol)

Superintendent Warburton explained that the Souhegan staff requested some updates and revisions for Policy JICH (Student Use of Drugs and Alcohol). A telephone conference was established with **Peter Gagnon** (Dean of Students), **John Young** (Assistant Dean of Students) and **John Smith** (Student Resource Officer/Amherst Police Officer). The changes were as follows:

- 1) **Remove** – from third paragraph, the sentence: **Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days or both.**
- 2) **Add** – add to 1.B the following after nurse: **and/or trained personnel**
- 3) **Change** – 1.B the following change: **[(In the event student denies being under the influence of a drug and challenges the nurse's assessment, the student has the option of taking a blood or urine screen at a medical facility within 24 hours, with a report of the findings sent to the school's youth specialist. If the results are negative, there will be no further consequences. If the results are positive, Section II will go into effect.)]** change to **[If the impairment assessment indicates probable substance use, Section II will go into effect. (In the event student denies being under the influence of a drug and challenges**

- the results of the assessment, the student has the option of taking a blood or urine screen at a medical facility within 2 hours of parent/guardian notification.]
- 4) **Change** – II B the following change: [three days out of school if the student enrolls in a Challenge Program, or similar experience, with an opportunity to earn credit for work missed] change to [three days out of school if and when the student receives an assessment by a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (LADC)]
 - 5) **Change** – The second paragraph shall read: **The school board recognizes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, controlled drugs, prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, or any other chemical substance, natural or synthetic, which impairs a person's ability to learn as a serious health, safety, legal, and security problem. Therefore, students are strictly prohibited from manufacturing, transporting, distributing, selling (or representing they are selling), dispensing (or representing they are dispensing), possessing, using, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol on the school site. "School site" means any school buildings and land, the drug-free school zone defined by RSA 318-B:27, and any school-owned vehicle or any other vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities. School site also includes off-school property during any school-sanctioned activities, events, or functions such as field trips or athletic events, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district.**

Discussion: Policy Approval

Superintendent Warburton outlined that Policy JCA (Change of School or Assignment) and Policy ADB (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools) will be brought to the SAU meeting on October 27th, individual boards in November.

Discussion: Policy Information

Superintendent Warburton outlined that the following policies, that are included in the agenda package, are to be reviewed and be future agenda items:

- BA – Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures
- BAAA – School Board Policies and Administrative Procedures
- BBA – School board Powers and Responsibilities
- BBAA – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities

Discussion: Next Meeting

The next policy committee meeting will be on October 26, 2016, from 12:15 to 1:00 pm.

Chairwoman Tremblay adjourned at **1:12 pm**.