



## POLICY/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

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Committee Members: Jodi Bettermann, Chair  
Beth Fiore, Jennifer Wolf, Eric Zwerling

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools  
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

### Agenda

1. Policy Alert 228 (cont'd)
  - a. Policy 1511 - Board of Education Website Accessibility
    - i. The updated website template is more compatible with software used by disabled persons; however, it is important that those who post to the website be trained to post in such a way that the content is available to the disabled person's software application.
  - b. Policy 3216 - Dress and Grooming
    - i. The existing policy adopted in 2007 was reviewed. It is very general and the Committee agreed to leave the existing policy in place. No updates are needed at this time.
  - c. Policy 3270 - Professional Responsibilities
    - i. One aspect of this policy is lesson plans. The Committee agreed to put the policy forward to the full Board as is, but recommended Regulation 3270 be revised to include a section to address public requests for lesson plans from teachers.
  - d. Regulation 3270 - Lesson Plans and Plan Books
  - e. Policy 4216 - Dress and Grooming
    - i. This policy should be the same as Policy 3216.
  - f. Policy 5513 - Care of School Property
    - i. The Committee expanded the scope of this policy from textbooks to textbooks and other school property. The thought was that school issued Chromebooks would fall under this policy as well.
  - g. Regulation 5513 - Care of School Property
    - i. The Committee questioned the types and amounts of fines seen in a typical school year to make sure the fines are reasonable.
  - h. Policy 5517 - School District Issued Student Identification Cards
    - i. This is a policy not currently in place in our district and will apply only to the middle school grades 6 to 8. ID's issued to middle school students this fall will comply with this policy.
  - i. Policy 5722 - Student Journalism
    - i. The proposal is for this policy to replace current Policy 2432, School Sponsored Publications. The Committee discussed the scope of this new policy and concluded that both the old and new policies cover the same scope and shift the focus from the publication itself to the rights of student journalists. The Committee discussed including at the end of the new Policy 5722 a list of policies that may apply such as 6360 (political contributions), 9700 (special interest groups), or 9720 (solicitations by vendors) in order to give some direction to those who are consulting the new policy.
2. Abolish (Based on Alert 228) – On hold pending Policy 5722 update.
  - a. Policy 2432 – School Sponsored Publications
  - b. Regulation 2432 – School Sponsored Publications

3. Finalizing Regulations 2510 and 2530: Textbooks and Resource Materials
  - a. Regulation 2510 Updates
  - b. Regulation 2530 Updates
    - i. Added reference to Policy 9130, Public Complaints and Grievances
4. District Regulations Update – Agreed to make regulations available to the public online. The Committee felt that this allows family and staff access and increases transparency to the public.
5. Press Releases Tentative Topics (Based on Communications Plan):
  - a. October (due September 15): Facilities: Capital Projects Completed this Past Summer and Cost Savings (Mr. Bohm) and HSA: Planned HSA Events for the Year (Ms. Salaj) and TBS Food Service Award (Mr. Bohm)
  - b. November (due October 15): Curriculum: Results of NJSLA (Dr. Brown and Ms. Pauch with Ed/Tech Chair) and possibly an article about Solar Installation (Mr. Bohm) or Strategic Goals (Dr. Hart)
  - c. In addition, we are planning some press revolving around Sustainable Jersey and the bioswale at TBS.
6. Agenda items: Alert 228 all policies except 5722, Student Journalism and 3216, Dress and Grooming
7. Next Meeting: October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.