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Policy Committee
Minutes
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Members in attendance: M. Wintle, Administrator of Special Services S. Shorey, Principal Intern Donna Newhouse and Superintendent M. Gallagher

Item 1. Policy discussion review of policy BEDB — Agenda - This policy was reviewed again with no additional recommended changes. The policy will be brought to the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

Policy BBBE Board Member Resignation – The committee reviewed the policy and determined that there were no additional modifications needed. The policy will be brought to the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

Policy BID Board Member Compensation and Expenses – The committee chose to revamp the policy after its first reading by the board to include compensation for “expenses incurred in carrying out board services previously authorized by the Board may be reimbursed upon submission of supporting bills to the treasurer. Additionally the committee chose to modify the payment schedule for one pay per year in June. The policy will be brought to the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

Policy BBAA Board Member Authority and Responsibilities – The committee reviewed the policy and determined that there were no additional modifications needed. The policy will be brought to the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

Policy BCA Board Member Code of Ethics – The committee reviewed the policy and determined that there were no additional modifications needed. The policy will be brought to the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

Item 2. Policy discussion/review of policy BBB School Board Elections - Because the current policy is specific to the town charters for elections of School Board Members the committee chose to keep the current policy without modification. It will be presented at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for its first reading.

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Policy BCB – Board Member: Prohibited Appointments and Employment, Conflict of Interest – The committee compared the current Board policy to the MSMA sample policy. The sample and the current policies were nearly the same in concept and language. The format of the MSMA policy was different and a determination was made to use the MSMA sample policy which is entitled “Conflict of Interest”. The policy will be presented at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for its first reading.

Policy BDA – Board Organizational Meeting – After comparing the MSMA sample policy with the current board policies the committee decided to keep the current Board policy and update the identifying code and Legal reference. The policy will be presented at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for its first reading.

Policy BDB – Board Officers – The MSMA sample policy and the current district policy were identical with the exception of two legal references and lettering vs. numbering. Therefore the current Board policy will be updated with the two references and the numbering will be changed to letters. The policy will be presented at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for its first reading.

Policy BDD – Board-Superintendent Relationship – The district policy and the MSMA policy were very similar in concept but the committee liked the sample policy language better. With the addition of some policy reference changes the committee chose to present the MSMA sample policy to the Board for its first reading at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting.

Policy BBBDA – Board Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism – The committee compared the current district policy and the MSMA sample policy. They were very similar. The committee chose to present the current district policy with an additional legal reference to the Board for its first reading at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting.

Policy BIC – Board Member Freedom of Access Training – This policy was adopted in 2008 using the MSMA sample policy. Therefore there were no differences between the current district policy and the MSMA sample policy. The committee modified the codification on the current district policy and the coding on the policy references for presentation to the Board at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting.

Policy KDB – Freedom of Access – This policy was also adopted in 2008 and the sample policy was identical to the current district policy with the exception that the current policy has additional policies references. The committee chose to retain the current district policy and modified the number coding system to the lettering system. This policy will be presented at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for its first reading.

Policy BEC – E – Executive Session Law – This policy was also adopted in 2008. Since the sample policy and the district policies were the same, the committee chose to keep the current district policy but modified the codification to a lettered system. This policy will be presented at the March 7, 2011 Board meeting for its first reading.

At the end of the meeting we had a short discussion about whether the district had a policy addressing transportation of alcohol in light of an incident that occurred recently in northern Maine. We do not have a policy, however, Cyr Bus does have a company policy that disallows the transportation of any alcohol, firearm etc. aboard their buses that transport our students.

The committee adjourned at 6:55 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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