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Superintendent of Schools

Policy Committee

Minutes

3/8/10

Members in attendance: M. Wintle, R. Basford, Administrator S. Shorey and Superintendent Gallagher

Absent/excused: J. Laux

Item 1. Review of Policy 9.27, Immunization - Superintendent Gallagher indicated to the committee that school nurse, Mrs. Gibson, while updating her health information, policies and procedures for distribution to incoming Kindergarten and PK parents, discovered that there needed to be a revision to policy 9.27. She recommended striking the schedule for when varicella would be fully implemented. The final month and year on the implementation schedule was September 2007, when all K-12 students would have the varicella immunization, doctor's note with proof of chicken pox or a titer indicating that they are immune to chicken pox. The committee agreed with the recommendation and determined that the policy would be brought to the board for its first reading at the April board meeting.

The Policy Committee then continued to review old policies to determine whether or not they will remain as part of the policy manual, and if so what modifications should be made.

Policy 9.23, Life Sustaining Emergency Care – It was determined by the membership of the committee that this policy, although not required, should remain as a board policy. Several modifications were made to the policy language. The sentence stem “The MSAD #53 Board of Directors believe that” should be added to the first sentence. It was suggested and approved that the words “on school grounds” would be struck from the first sentence, and the first sentence would end after the word “care” on the third line. The first paragraph, second sentence was amended by striking the word “and” and beginning the sentence with “They” and striking the words “in accordance with regular school policies”. The next paragraph strike the words “it is the policy of MSAD #53” and replaced with “MSAD #53 shall ...”. In the third paragraph the words “for purposes of this policy” were struck. The third paragraph would then begin with “Life sustaining

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emergency care...” With these revisions the Policy Committee recommended that this policy be brought to the board at the April board meeting for its first reading.

Policy 11.07, Controversial Issues – The committee discussed whether or not this policy should remain a policy of the MSAD #53 Board of Directors. After determining that it should continue as a policy, revisions were made. Many deletions and insertions were discussed and approved as the committee worked through the language of the entire policy. The policy will be brought to the board for its first reading at the April board meeting.

Item 2 - The committee then reviewed policy 3.01, School Superintendent; policy 3.02, Job Description-Superintendent of Schools; policy 3.03, Acting Superintendent; policy 4.03, School Properties Disposition; and policy 9.13, Student Insurance Program to determine whether or not there was a need for any additional modifications. Superintendent Gallagher indicated that he had not heard from any other board members regarding revisions to the policies, and it was recommended that the policies be brought to the April board meeting for board action.

Being no further business the committee adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Gallagher