

# **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Liberty School Board Room Tuesday, January 24, 2023 5:00 pm

# **MINUTES**

Jenny Miller, Chair, Susan Estep, Lauren Gold Superintendent Laatsch, Recording Secretary Jahnke

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Jenny Miller at 5:04 pm

#### 2. Public Comment

**Changming Fan, Community Member:** Appreciates and supports the work of the Policy Committee.

#### 3. **Discussion Items**

#### A. **NEOLA Updates** (Vol. 37 No. 1)

## 1. Policy 9150 - SCHOOL VISITORS

Reviewed recommended Neola updates to this policy. Committee would like to identify the law that initiated the change and check on the administrative guidelines that support this policy. This will be reviewed again at the next policy committee meeting with the requested information provided.

## 2. Policy 8510 - WELLNESS

Administrators have added some elements related to mental/emotional health and wellness. Some updates to the wording has been recommended. Those changes will be made and then reviewed again at the next policy committee meeting.

#### B. Policies on Animals

1. Policy 8390 - ANIMALS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Reviewed the addition of some recommended additional wording to this policy

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under the area of "Eligibility of a Student's Service Animal for Transportation". Also some additional wording is being recommended regarding care of animals in bldgs in the event of snow days or breaks. This policy will be reviewed again at the next policy committee meeting.

## 2. Policy 8390.01 - THERAPY DOGS (Recommended New Policy)

Administration would like us to consider incorporating Policy 3109 (Therapy Dogs) from Thrun Law Firm but an entirely separate policy may be required. After discussion, there will be some additions made in reference to students and will be reviewed again at the next policy committee meeting.

## C. Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members

1. Policy 3362.01 & 4362.01- THREATENING BEHAVIOR TOWARD STAFF MEMBERS (Recommended New Policy)

These policies clarify threatening behavior and reinforce the idea that teaching and support staff should not face behaviors that are threatening. We will make sure these align with Neola recommendations and also check for any administrative guidelines that support this policy.

#### 4. Public Comment

Erin Crum, Parent: Spoke to Policy 9150

**Changming Fan, Community Member:** Spoke regarding the need to connect alumni, retirees and elders to support the district.

- 5. **Next Meeting:** Will be February 28, 2023 at 5 pm. It was determined that another meeting may be needed prior to the meeting on the 28th.
- 6. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer K. Miller Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jahnke