



# POLICY/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

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Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair,  
Anthony Emmons, Julie Flores, Eric Zwerling

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

## Agenda

1. Policy Alert 224 - The committee recommends the following policies for Adoption, these are all state mandated.
  - a. Policy 7432 - Eye Protection. No substantive changes, just language updates.
  - b. Regulation 7432 - Eye Protection
  - c. Policy 8540 – School Nutrition Programs. We are required to have this policy however it only applies to districts with 70% of students in the free and reduced lunch program.
  - d. Policy 8550 - Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill. This policy outlines how districts collect on an outstanding food service bill. There are several major revisions to Policy Guide 8550:
    1. The amended statute prohibits a school district from taking certain actions in response to a student’s school meal bill being in arrears.
    2. The amended statute requires a school district to take certain actions if a student owes money for the equivalent of five or more school meals.
    3. The amended statute removed language that indicated the school district would provide a final notice to a parent who has not paid their child’s outstanding meal bill, after being provided multiple previous notices, that “school breakfast or lunch shall not be served to the student beginning one week from the date of a second notice.”
  - e. Policy 8600 - Student Transportation. No substantive changes, just language updates.
2. New Jersey DOE - Office of Fiscal Accountability Policies from Alert 224. The committee recommends Adopting the following policies. These are all mandated policies and in essence they define the rules for allocation of federal funds.
  - a. Policy 6115.01 - Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs
  - b. Policy 6115.02 - Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Mandatory Disclosures
  - c. Policy 6115.03 - Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Conflict of Interest
  - d. Policy 6311 - Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants
3. Policy Alert 225. The committee recommends Adopting Policy 2425 which is state mandated and permits a school district to implement a Commissioner-approved program of virtual or remote instruction in the event the school district is required to close a school or the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.
  - a. Policy 2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program

b. Tabled for further revisions - Policy and Regulation 5751 – Sexual Harassment of Students

4. Press Releases Tentative Topics (Based on Communications Plan):

- a. November (due October 15): New Curriculum Standards (Dr. Brown/Ms. Pauch) and Digital Citizenship (Ms. Krial and Ms. Singer), Toy Drive (Ms. Salaj)
- b. December (due November 15): Highlight of Food Service and Food Pantry (Ms. DeRiso)
- c. January (due December 15): Technology Initiatives (Mr. Belske), Kindergarten Registration (Ms. Harris)

5. Next Meeting: Nov 15th 5pm