**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

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**Subcommittee Meeting Notes**

**January 15, 2025, Culinary Conference Room**

**Policy Subcommittee Members:** Chair Diane Swenson (Ashburnham); Barbara Reynolds (Lunenburg); Jeffrey Raymond (Athol); Jada McConologue (Petersham); and Tammy Lajoie (Liaison).

**Attendance:** Jada McConologue, Diane Swenson, Jeff Raymond and Tammy Lajoie. Absent: Whitney Marshall and Barbara Reynolds.

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Members were informed that Barbara Reynolds has resigned from the subcommittee as of this meeting. Barbara has been an active member and supporting this subcommittee for many years. Her contributions will be missed.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for 11/13/24 by Jeff, seconded by Jada. Unanimous.

**Legal Update**: IMG – Animals in School, still with legal; however, with changes of attorneys, the subcommittee decided to review all suggestions again. After discussion, Jeff will update per requested changes and will be on the agenda for next subcommittee meeting. At this time, with the changes, requesting legal review may not be required.

Section A: Reviewed with the following decisions:

Policies AA School District Legal Status; AAE School District Legal Status Seal; and AB The People and Their School District were reviewed by the subcommittee and approved as is with the change to format only and no need to bring to full School Committee. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Jada. Unanimous.

Policies AC Nondiscrimination Policy including Harassment and Retaliation and ACA Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Gender were reviewed for changes by the subcommittee. Motion to submit to the full School Committee for next meeting by Jeff, seconded by Jada. Unanimous.

Policies ACB, ACD, ACF were reviewed and determined to be included in Policy AC, thus no longer required. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Jada to present the deletions of these policies at the next School Committee meeting. Unanimous.

Policies ACAA, ACAB, ACF-S, ACBG for review at next meeting. On hold due to the Title IX legal decisions.

Policy ADA School District Goals and Objectives on hold under after NEASC review.

Policy ADF Wellness being developed by a team headed by Tammy. Will be scheduled for April subcommittee meeting.

Policy AE Commitment to Accomplishment previously approved. Change was made to match the title in NEPN coding. Julie will post.

Section J was discussed with respect to the policies which are referenced in the Student Handbook. Jada will review the policies against the Handbook with the expectations that we can reference the Handbook, rather than have detailed policy.

Working Policy Spreadsheet was used during the discussions and updated based on discussion/decisions.

Motion to Adjourn by Jada, seconded by Jeff. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

**Next meeting:**  Scheduled for Wednesday, February 12 at 4:30 in the Culinary Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Swenson*

Diane Swenson, Chair