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**Lacey Township School District Board of Education**

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 4:15 pm - Board Office

**Call to Order:** 4:15 pm

**Members Present:** Kim Klaus - Chairperson  
Cheryl Armato- Committee Member  
Jack Conaty - Committee Member  
Vanessa R. Pereira - Superintendent  
Sharon Silvia - Business Administrator

**Members Absent:** N/A

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**New Policy/Regulations for Review and/or Discussion:**

The committee reviewed and discussed the following policies/regulations, which will be placed on the February 16, 2023 agenda for first read:

- P 1648.11 - The Road Forward COVID-19 - Health & Safety - (Abolished)

*The NJDOE has not released any recommendations or requirements regarding protocols for COVID-19 for the 2022-2023 school year. Therefore, Strauss Esmay recommends school districts abolish Policy 1648.11 as the requirements therein are no longer required by the NJDOE.*

- P 1648.13 - School Employee Vaccination Requirements - (Abolished)

*On August 15, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) 302. EO 302 rescinded the requirements of EO 253, which required all public, private, and parochial preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools, to adopt a policy that required all covered workers to either provide adequate proof to the school district that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly. As a result of the Governor issuing EO 302, Strauss Esmay recommends school districts abolish Policy Guide 1648.13.*

- P 0152 - Board Officers (Revised)

*Bylaw Guide 0152 has been revised to provide a Board two options for electing Board officers – one with a majority vote of the members of the Board present and the other with a majority vote of all members of the Board. The Lacey Township School District Board of Education Elects officers with a majority vote of all the Board Members Present. Aside from minor language changes, nothing else in this bylaw changed.*

- P 0161 - Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (Revised)

*Bylaw Guide 0161 has been revised to better align with the current governing statute, N.J.S.A. 18A:10-6, and administrative code, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.1. These minor revisions are not substantive, but provide additional details in the current administrative code regarding the process for calling a special meeting.*

- P 0162 - Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)

*Bylaw Guide 0162 has been revised to better align with the current governing statute, The Open Public Meetings Act, and N.J.S.A. 18A:10-6. Bylaw Guide 0162 has been updated to provide: the statutory definition of “adequate notice” from N.J.S.A. 10:4-8, the Open Public Meetings Act; additional details on a Board conducting an emergency meeting without adequate notice; and some additional details on the requirements for a RICE notice.*

- P/R 2423 - Bilingual and ESL Education (Revised)

*Revisions in statute required updates to Policy and Regulation Guides 2423. A few of the key revisions include:*

- *The addition of an alternate English language proficiency assessment for students who meet the criteria for Statewide alternate assessments,*
- *A revision to the definition of “native language”;*
- *And a requirement school districts administer the Statewide home-language survey to determine which students have a native language other than English.*

- R 3212 - Professional Staff Attendance Review & Improvement Plan (Revised)

*Revisions were made to Regulation 3212 to update language to correlate with the contract between the LTEA and LTBOE as it pertains to providing doctor’s notes for unexcused absences. This Regulation was placed on last month’s agenda for first read; however, an error was noted, corrected, and updated. It will be placed on the agenda again for first read.*

- R 4212 - Support Staff Attendance (New)

*This Regulation was created for support staff as it relates to staff attendance review and improvement plans.*

- P/R 8330 - Student Records (Revised)

*The revisions in Policy Guide 8330 are minor with most of the changes being citation and language updates.*

- P/ 7460 - Energy Conservation (Revised) and R 7460 - Energy Conservation (New)

*Policy and Regulation guides were revised to reflect the district's recent approval of the contract of energy management and healthier building services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, and funded by the savings generated by the services provided by Cenergistic.*

**Co-Curricular** - no agenda items to discuss

**Safety and Security** - no agenda items to discuss

**LTASA** - no agenda items to discuss

**Other**

- Privatization of Food Services - Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the privatization of food services. The committee is recommending we table this discussion.

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**Adjournment:**                      Approximately 5:40 pm

**Next Meeting:**                      March 13, 2023 @ 4:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vanessa R. Pereira*, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools