Board of Education Policy Committee Members Present:
Sheila Daniels, Chair, Ed McKeon and Ava Hart

Also Present:
Ann Perzan, Director of Pupil Services, Carole Passarelli, Nurse Consultant, and Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant.

The following policy was discussed:

#5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations - Carole Passarelli spoke to this policy. She said she used the CABE policy with some proposed changes.

There was a question on who the exemption request should be addressed to - see this part of the policy:

Parent(s)/guardian(s) wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments, immunizations, and vision, audiometric, and postural screens on religious grounds must request such exemption to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. This request must be signed by the parent/guardian.

Ed McKeon believed it should be the Superintendent as it has to do with the legalities of the policy. Ms. Passarelli said the notice is given to the nurse. It was decided to keep it with the Superintendent, but the regulations will read that the letter will be delivered to the school nurse. It is the family and their doctor's decision to have a child exempted or excused from health assessments, etc. Carole noted that religious exemptions are not reviewed every year, it is a one-time review; but medical is reviewed every year as situations change. Carole will prepare the regulations.

After reviewing the proposed changes, the Policy Committee recommended this revised Policy #5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations be presented to the Board of Education at its next meeting and will require two readings. All members agreed.

#5144.1 Restraint and Seclusion - Kathy had a question on the numbering of the policy and will call CABE to determine the correct number for this policy. Ann Perzan spoke to this policy and the need for a policy and regulation. After reviewing the CABE policy and the Berlin document, it was decided to use the CABE sample policy as the basis for our policy. The policy was reviewed and there was one question concerning "A staff member acting alone shall not be expected to use force or restraint when the risk of harm to the student or staff member would likely result from the use of force which outweighs the risk of harm presented by the student's conduct." The committee recommended that our Board attorney review the policy. Ann Perzan will work on the regulations.
The Policy Committee recommended this policy be reviewed again at the next meeting.

The next Policy Committee meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 10 & 24, 2012, at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tytchen Administration Building.

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