

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**Liverpool Central School District Board of Education**  
**April 12, 2018 5 pm**  
**District Office**  
**Liverpool, New York 13090**

Present: Dr. Mark Potter, Stacey Balduf, Kevin VanNess, Dr. Chris Hockey.

No recommended policy revisions or new policies from Erie 1 since Policy Committee's last meeting in February 2018.

The review of the following policies by Committee:

**5741 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety Sensitive**

**Employees.** There was a question as to the definition of "safety sensitive employees" (see attached). There was also a question regarding the second sentence in Paragraph 2....we were advised that the specific language regarding 16 or more passenger vehicles is taken directly from the DOT for commercial vehicles. However, all our drivers - regardless of the size of the vehicle - are subject to this testing. The suggestion is to remove that sentence from the policy. Committee requests change be made and sent BOE.

**7313 - Suspension of Students.** A question was asked about the definitions of "insubordination" and "violent-disruptive" (see attached), as well as the issue of bus suspensions. Bus suspensions are covered by Policy 7340. I've added that policy under the Cross-Reference Section of 7313. Send to BOE with these changes.

**7460 - Constitutionally Protected Prayer.** The Policy refers to the "Guidance Document". Attached is the Guidance Document from the US Dept. of Ed.

US Dept Education gave Guidance Document which stated that although the First Amendment forbids religious activity that is sponsored by the government, but it protects religious activity that is initiated by private individuals such as students. Therefore, students may read their Bibles or other scriptures say grace before meals and pray or study religious materials with fellow students during recess, the lunch hour or other non-instructional time to the same extent that they may engage in non-religious activities. Public schools should not be hostile to the religious rights of their students and families.

**5693 - Naming of School Buildings and Facilities.** The Policy Committee requested that the sentence restricting Board's ability to name a building be removed, that the Supt. draft a regulation for the policy and that both be brought back for the April meeting. (see attached). Committee recommend that the line be removed, and Policy sent to BOE. Regulation to reflect a waiting period #5 for separation before nomination. Regulation to be sent to BOE at same time.

To add section about time from District-separation.

**Next meeting: June 7, 2018 at 5pm.**