

POLICY COMMITTEE
Liverpool Central School District Board of Education
February 7, 2019 7am
District Office
Liverpool, New York 13090

Present: Dr. Mark Potter, Stacey Balduf, Craig Dailey, Joseph Morawaski

Discussed procedure for Committee. Committee will be eliminating the 5 year rotation of all policies. The Committee will still meet and review any recommended policy revisions and new policies from Erie I and any other matters referred by the Board.

NEW POLICIES

5140 - Administration of the Budget

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, Education Law Section 3614 requires that certain districts annually submit to the Commissioner of the State Education Department and the State Director of the Budget a detailed statement of the total funding allocation for each school in the district for the upcoming school budget year prior to the first day of the school year. The number of districts required to comply with this law expands in subsequent school years. By 2020-2021, the majority of districts will need to comply with this requirement.

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ESA requires that we create a budget and line codes that shows what resources are spent in each building.

7260 Designation of Person in Parental Relation

General Obligations Law Sections 5-1551 and 5-1552 were recently amended to extend the period of time that an individual can be designated as a person in parental relation from six to twelve months. In light of this requirement, E1B changed references from six months to twelve months throughout this policy.

To come back to committee for further discussion and clarification. A Superintendent Regulation will need to be drafted to coincide.

7512 – Student Physicals

Currently Ed Law Section 903(2)(a) and 8NYCRR Section 136.3(k)(1) conflict as to when a district is required to request a dental health certificate from a student. E1B received clarification that 8 NYCRR Section 136.3(k)(1) is incorrect and that districts are required to request a dental health certificate from a student at the same time that health certificates are required.

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Clarifies the specifics as to requiring dental health certificates.

Regulation may be necessary to set forth implementation what will the dental certificate have to include. District to make sure this is part of our conversation with Kindergarten.

REVISED POLICIES

5741 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers (Required Policy)

This policy has been revised again in response to recent changes in NY law. The title of Policy 5741 has also been changed to Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers (“and Other Safety Sensitive Employees” has been removed).

Chapter 207 amended the Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) regarding drug and alcohol testing for school bus drivers. The amendments to VTL Section 509-g(6) require all school districts, municipalities or transportation contractors hired by a school district or municipality to transport children to and from school to conduct pre-employment and random drug and alcohol testing in accordance with the provisions in federal law. It is important to note that pre-employment alcohol testing is not currently required under federal law.

Amendments to Section 509-g(6) of the VTL require that every school bus driver be included in the pool for random drug testing. This amendment expands the pool of drivers required to be tested; as currently under federal law a bus driver is only subject to drug or alcohol testing if he or she drives a vehicle that is designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver). Additionally, under amendments to VTL Section 509-l, no district or motor carrier (contractor of a district) may require or permit a driver to operate a bus if the person’s general appearance, conduct or other substantiating evidence the person appears to have consumed alcohol or drugs within 8 hours of reporting to work.

Go to BOE. Now in policies to insure that all districts follow this. Liverpool participates in random drug testing through a BOCE COSer.

7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment (Required Policy)

This policy was revised to reflect amendments to Article 23-B of the Education Law* that expand the applicability of provisions requiring reports of child abuse in an educational setting and requiring greater training for covered reporters. As part of the amendments, various definitions were changed, and the applicable definitions were updated in the policy to reflect the amendments.

Revisions include, among others:

1. The definition of an educational setting was amended to include vehicles provided directly or by contract by the district for the transportation of students.
2. The list of reporters who are required to file a report with the school administrator when he or she receives an allegation of child abuse in an educational setting was expanded to include licensed and registered physical or occupational therapists, licensed and registered speech-language pathologists, teacher aides, and school resource officers.
3. School bus drivers employed by a contractor of the school must now promptly report allegations of child abuse or maltreatment in an educational setting to his or her supervisor at the contracting entity.

4. Supervisors will be required to complete a written report and personally deliver the report to the District Superintendent or school administrator, in a school other than a school district or public school.

** The amendments to Article 23-B are effective June 5, 2019.

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Next Meeting: April 4, 2019 7am.