

Montclair Public Schools
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting of October 11, 2021

Attendees: Priscilla Church, Chair, Allison Silverstein, Crystal Hopkins, Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Dr. Felice Harrison-Crawford, Mr. Nicholas Ciprano

The following policies were discussed, revised, and moved to “first read” on the November 10, 2021 agenda. Each item listed is accompanied with a brief synopsis of why it was being examined at this time.

1. **P8330 Student Records** -References a provision of NCLB that addresses student information being provided to military recruiters, an institution of higher education, or prospective employers if a school district prepares a student information directory. The ESSA made only several minor changes to this provision of NCLB, which are addressed in N.J.S.A 18A:36-19.1.
2. **P5530 Medical Cannabis**- N.J.S.A. 18A:4 0-12.22 requires school districts to develop a policy authorizing parents, guardians, and primary caregivers to assist a student in the medical administration of cannabis while on school grounds, aboard a school bus, or attending a school-sponsored event. N.J.S.A.18A:40-12.22 was recently revised along with N.J.S.A. 24.61-1. The primary revision was a change in terminology from marijuana to cannabis. There were several other revisions to the statutes including the addition of definitions for “Commission”, “designated caregiver”, “health care practitioner”, and “registration with the commission”.
3. **P1643 Family Leave**- Understanding and implementing the provisions of the Federal and State law is very complicated and poses many questions regarding rules and implementation of this law. In an attempt to assist school districts, Strauss Esmay has consolidated Policy Guides 3431.1 and 4431.3-NJ Family Leave Act (FMLA) and NJ Family Leave Insurance Program under one new Policy Guide 1643.
4. **P9713 Recruitment by Interest Groups**- The Essa made several minor changes in the requirements. A minor student may only opt out of their information being disclosed with parent consent, and the school district must annually notify parents of the opt out provision.
5. **P0131 Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations**- This Bylaw has been revised to assist a BOE in bylaw, policy and regulation management. Revised Bylaw Guide 0131 now references and defines the term “regulations” because Boards are required by statute and administrative code to adopt certain regulations. This revised Bylaw now has an option for the Board to abolish a bylaw, policy, or regulation at one meeting making it more efficient to manage the catalogue.

6. **P3134 Assignment of Extra Duties**- This policy addresses a Board of Education's right to assign extra duties to teaching staff members. These duties are typically addressed in a collective Educational Improvement Plans bargaining agreement and include but not limited to cafeteria duty, playground duty, study hall duty and bus duty. This policy has been updated to clearly define the Board's right to assign these extra duties and has been updated to reference a statute N.J.S.34:13A-23 that permits a BOE to assign a qualified teaching staff member to an extracurricular position when the Board is unable to fill the position with a qualified person who holds an appropriate NJ teaching.

The following policies are no longer required and should be abolished:

P1521 Educational Improvement Plans

P1649 Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19)