

## **MINUTES OF THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**March 20, 2017**

**Superintendent's Conference Room, ARMS**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Katherine Appy, Chair

Phoebe Hazzard

Debbie Westmoreland

Stephen Sullivan

### **ABSENT:**

Trevor Baptiste

Ms. Appy called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Ms. Hazzard then moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017 as presented. Ms. Westmoreland seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Discussion turned to finalizing the Immigration policy for consideration by the Regional School Committee. The subcommittee reviewed the draft policy in which Ms. Westmoreland incorporated the changes agreed to at the March 6 Policy Subcommittee meeting, which included:

- Combining points four and five from the first draft to read “Amherst, Pelham and Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools staff will not refer students or families to ICE, or employees of any agency working as immigration agents, if they inadvertently or intentionally disclose their immigration status. Pursuant to FERPA, Amherst, Pelham and Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools staff shall not disclose, without parental consent, the immigration status of any student; and
- Adding a point that states “If a representative of ICE, or any agency acting as immigration agents, contacts the schools or District offices regarding any individual student(s), school personnel shall immediately contact the student(s)’ parent/guardian and share contact information for appropriate support groups or agencies.

After discussion, Ms. Westmoreland moved to send the policy, as presented, to the Regional School Committee for a first reading.

Discussion turned to Policy JQA: Food Services Collections and the feedback from SETF and the Regional School Committee that has been incorporated into the new draft. After brief discussion, Ms. Hazzard moved to send the policy, as presented, for a second reading and possible vote by the Regional School Committee. Ms. Westmoreland seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Westmoreland moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Hazzard seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Westmoreland

Approved 10/16/17