

the coaches have a choice to administer medications or not. If a coach is not comfortable administering, the CHS licensed athletic trainer is called or paramedics. [Athletic trainer is on staff 25 hours per week and handles all sport activities by roaming teams, contacted on cell phone and can promptly arrive at the emergency site.] J. Beausoleil stated on the record that the committee is not applying pressure to coaches if they are not comfortable with administering medication.

G. Marchand brought up a possible contradiction in state regs 10.212 a 8 pg 8. referring to licensed coaches and athletic trainers regarding terms of “shall” and “may.” After discussion, such contradiction was clarified.

Conversation followed on the difference between intramural programs and Before and After School Programs for child care (page 1 of 18, section A paragraph 3.). B. Trinks and P. Curtiss clarified that Coventry does not have any before and after school child care programs, so such policy does not apply to Coventry.

J. Beausoleil asked for confirmation that the time allowed for the review of student medical paperwork was sufficient. School staff agreed it was sufficient. If student paperwork is not submitted and reviewed on time, they are not permitted to participate in practices or events. N. Levinson mentioned that this year, there is a roster of all teams on the faculty server with student information. This file will be reviewed by the nurse’s office and the athletic department will be notified of what medications will need to be brought to games. On a side note, M. Emanuele mentioned that the field trip policy (not under 5141.21) may updated and asked nurses if 10 days would be enough notice to review the permission slips. It was agreed that 10 days would be sufficient notice.

Paula Curtiss reminded all in attendance that this policy is just for inhalers, rescue breathers, glucagon, epipens and that coaches are *not* allowed to administer medications for diabetics. This policy does not apply to non-emergency medications such as penicillin.

Nancy Levinson questioned if there would be an explanation of what to do if someone wishes to “opt-out.” J. Beausoleil explained that it would be up to the administration to determine the method of that procedure. Discussion followed that coaches have a lot of responsibilities already and that if a coach is not comfortable with administering, they will not be pressured to do it. Training will be offered to those interested in participating. Paula Curtiss mentioned that the nurses often train teachers and coaches and assured M. Emanuele that they are willing to continue to do this with no impact. There is a formal training, annually, for the town staff by Dr. Elliot in February or March. An insurance issue may arise for epipen allowance. Often insurance only covers two pens (one for home, one for out of home use). Needing one for the school medical kit may be prohibitive. Said medical kit is held in the athletic trainer’s locked cabinet. A common key would need to be held by certain staff for after hour’s access. J. Beausoleil suggested that a fob entry system be used to record who was in the box, to protect the coaches. Paula Curtiss anticipates that parents will start to be advocates for their children to self-medicate once they know the policy. Various medical conditions and family situations were discussed.

Committee thanked school staff for coming and staff offered to answer any follow-up questions. J. Beausoleil summarized that the open question regarding this policy is how para-educators are to be included and/or treated in this policy. Barbara Trinks will mention this to Dr. Smotas.

The committee decided the policy would go to the full Board after the para-educator issue had been resolved.

III. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of June 22, 2011

By: G. Marchand

Seconded: M. Emanuele

Discussion

M. Emanuele asked the committee to review Page 2 of 4, under the motion, second paragraph regarding the Board of Education needing to provide a curriculum committee. M. Emanuele questioned whether the district curriculum team was necessary or can it be a board committee. J. Beausoleil confirmed that she believed a district-wide team was necessary. Also, M. Emanuele discussed the last paragraph, third sentence. M. Emanuele recalls that they discussed at the previous meeting that they would have language to allow future Boards to choose either a subcommittee or a liaison. After discussion, it was agreed that said paragraph would be edited as follows: "The committee discussed the option of a curriculum liaison or subcommittee report to the Board at least three times a year."

Result: Motion to approve the minutes with noted changes passes unanimously

IV. Old Business

A. 7551 Naming-Renaming of Facilities

J. Beausoleil began the discussion by reminding the committee of their discussion of this topic in February. At that time, there was not a unanimous vote so the committee decided not to make any changes to the policy. Since then, the community has asked that the policy be reviewed again and the Board has directed the Policy Committee to revisit the policy. J. Beausoleil suggested that they look at the renaming of parts of buildings, rather than a whole building at this time. She suggested that the waiting period be changed from three (3) years to one (1) year after death. This would honor what the community is asking for. M. Emanuele offered the option that they let the policy stand and have the Board decide if they wish to waive some or part of the policy on a case-by-case basis. G. Marchand said that there are issues with this policy and a revision might be necessary to avoid future confusion. M. Emanuele does not have any problem with the current policy; it could be up to the Board to waive the policy. J. Beausoleil strongly believes that the policy should be addressed based on the community's request. Adding in a waiver option for the waiting period to the policy was her suggestion. J. Beausoleil agrees that process of approval is valid and involves a lot of community involvement and should not be changed or bypassed. The Board always has the option of waiving a policy; G. Marchand said Donna Bernard, Superintendent, has explained that to him. G. Marchand would be ok with discussing making a policy change or leaving it as is, knowing the Board can override it.

MOTION: To warn policy 7551 with the modifications for the waiting period of separation of compensated service and the waiting period of a deceased individual be changed to one year.

By: G. Marchand

Seconded: M. Emanuele

Result: Motion carries 2-1 (For: J. Beausoleil, G. Marchand; Against: M. Emanuele)

J. Beausoleil and M. Emanuele suggested that G. Marchand draft a new policy for the next policy meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION To adjourn at 9:34 pm.
By: M. Emanuele Seconded: G. Marchand
Result: Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara O'Brien, BOE Subcommittee Clerk

Approved: October 13, 2011