Concord School District  
Communications Committee Minutes

School Board Committee: Communications  
Date: September 29, 2010  
Committee Members Present: Jennifer Patterson, Chair, Laura Bonk, Chris Casko, Eric Williams appointed in the absence of Bill Glahn  
Other Board Members Present: Clint Cogswell, Kass Ardinger  
Administration: Chris Rath, Rob Prohl, Jeff Siegel, Matt Ballou  
Guests: John Teague, James O'Shaughnessey

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The agenda included:

1. Policy #741, Facility Use Fees

   Assistant Superintendent Rob Prohl explained the distinction proposed by the administration to determine if a group using a school facility needs to have a Certificate of Insurance. If the PTO or Booster Club is holding an event which is considered a school-sponsored activity, the PTO or Booster Club would not need the Certificate. This would include events such as PTO or Booster Club meetings or spaghetti suppers.

2. Policy #539, Bullying

   Jennifer Patterson explained that the Board must make major changes to its current bullying policy in light of new legislation passed during the most recent legislative session, the Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Act, RSA 193-F.

   Attorney O'Shaughnessey presented a series of slides covering definitions of bullying or cyberbullying; who is a victim or perpetrator; timelines for policy adoption and training, potential overlap with anti-discrimination policy or sexual harassment policy; communication requirements; and investigation timelines.

   The committee reviewed the proposed policy and made changes to focus the policy to address the mandates of the bullying statute.
The committee clarified issues relating to reporting, distribution and notice of the policy, and training. The suggestion was made to publish the policy on each school’s website. Ms. Patterson will highlight the major changes made to the policy at this meeting.

The committee voted 4–0 (motioned by Laura Bonk, seconded by Chris Casko) to present the policy with highlighted changes for a first reading at the October 4, 2010 Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Patterson, Chair
Chris Rath, Recorder