POLICY COMMITTEE
Liverpool Central School District Board of Education
April 6, 2017, 5pm
District Office
Liverpool, New York 13090

Present: Dr. Mark Potter, Stacey Balduf, Kevin VanNess, Dr. Chris Hockey.

REVISIONS

1510 Regular Board Meetings and Rules. This was reviewed at the 3/21/2017. Policy Committee and there were questions regarding public notification. While public notification is addressed in other policies, we added language to this policy for transparency and clarity (Paragraph 2 page 1). Policy to be sent to BOE.

7618 Use of Time Out Rooms. This was also reviewed on 3/21/2017 and a question was raised about the 30 minute timeframe. It does not apply and has been removed (it was "c" on page 1). Policy to be sent to BOE.

7240 Student Records: Access and Challenge Several exceptions to FERPA's requirements to obtain consent prior to the disclosure of educational records have been added to make the policy more comprehensive. These exceptions include disclosures:

• To school officials who have a legitimate educational interest (item b);
• To juvenile justice systems (item e);
• Pursuant to a subpoena or court order (item g);
• For financial aid purposes (item h);
• To accrediting organizations (item i); and
• To the parents of a dependant student (item j).

Additional exceptions based on new amendments have also been added to the policy, including disclosures:

• To child welfare agencies for students who are in foster care (item f): The Uninterrupted Scholars Act (USA), which took effect January 14, 2013, amended FERPA to permit disclosure of a student's record to foster care agencies, without parent/guardian consent, when that agency is legally responsible for the care and protection of the student.
• Subpoena or Court Order (expanding item g): The USA also amended FERPA to permit schools to disclose records, without parental consent or notification, pursuant to a subpoena or judicial order, if a parent is a party involved in a child neglect or abuse case or a dependency matter. This does not give a child welfare agency the right to a student's record when there has been a mere allegation of abuse or neglect, absent a subpoena or order.
• Videotaping (state exception): Provisions allowing student teachers to videotape themselves providing classroom instruction without obtaining consent have been added.

Other non-substantive changes to this policy include removal of the "Disclosures to Parents of Eligible Students" section as it became repetitive due to the addition of more detail to the exception list or only applies to post secondary institutions. Send to BOE.

Next meeting: May 11, 2017 at 5pm.