#### ICHABOD CRANE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm Central Office Conference Room

#### **Committee Members:**

Present: Anne Schaefer, Jennifer Allard, Suzanne Guntlow, and Mindy Potts Absent: Elaine Berlin\*, John Chandler

## Recommended and Required per Girvin's

- Policy 9520-2 R FMLA Policy and Regulation is recommended for first reading.
  - The required policy has been updated to reflect changes to the law and regulation clearly define leave terms based on a rolling 12 months (eg. October to October) that measures backwards.
  - o District's attorney reviewed and recommended updated wording.
    - ICC Policy and Regulation

## NYSSBA's Policy Update Service - December 2022

- Policy 4327 Homebound Instruction is recommended for first reading.
  - The recommended policy has been updated to reflect recent changes to state regulations on instruction provided to students at home or in a hospital or other institution for physical, mental, or emotional illness or injury. Some updates include:
    - Differentiation between students accessing tutoring for suspensions vs. medical absences.
    - An increase in the number of hours students' have access to tutoring per day, up to 10 hours per week.
    - A clear process for parents/ guardians seeking access to tutoring for medical related absences from school, which includes a collaboration between the district's staff and students' physician.
    - NYSSBA's sample policy being recommended for adoption.
      - ICC Policy

- 9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy) is recommended for first reading.
  - The required policy has been updated to reflect the current provisions of Civil Service Law §75-b, which no longer requires public employees to notify their employers of alleged wrongdoing before bringing their concerns to a governmental authority.
  - Updates have been made to expand the definition of "wrongful conduct," along with additional language updates related to internal reporting, and streamline the investigation of allegations of retaliation.
  - NYSSBA's sample policy being recommended as written.
    - <u>ICC Policy</u>

# **NYSSBA's Compliance Audit - Section 1000s**

- Current ICC Policy 1050 Annual District Meeting title is to be renamed 1050
   Annual District Election and Budget Vote to align with NYSSBA
   Compliance Audit, and is recommended for first reading.
  - The required policy added language to update the guidelines and procedure to initiate propositions, and added language related to the advocacy of propositions.
  - Recommendation from the committee is to adopt NYSSBA sample policy as written.
    - ICC Policy
- Current ICC Policy 1120 School District Records was review by the committee due to consideration for rescinding policy 1125 below,
  - The required policy has been reviewed to ensure consistency with the NYSSBA sample and the inclusion of items from ICC Policy 1125 Access to Public Records Pursuant to FOIL.
    - ICC Policy

- The committee recommends rescinding policy <u>1125 Access to Public</u>
  <u>Records Pursuant to FOIL</u> because it exists in policy 1120 School District Records.
- The committee recommends rescinding policy <u>1150 School Budget and Bond Referenda Information</u> because the policy is law, and is embedded in current district practice.
- The committee recommends rescinding policy <u>1210 Citizens Advisory</u> <u>Committees (CAC)</u> because we do not have a CAC, and the BOE has the opportunity to appoint ad-hoc committees in the event that a CAC is needed. It should be noted that a Community Coalition Committee was formed several years ago which generally meets semi-annually.
- 1220 Relations with Community and Business Organizations, is not recommended for first reading at this time. Policy 1220 is being sent back to the policy committee to see if NYSSBA has a sample policy related to ICC Policy.

### **Next Meeting:**

• Tentatively Scheduled for Mar 27, 2023