

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION POLICY COMMITTEE

September 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Committee members present:

Dotty Ricks, representing Spaulding High School
Kristin McCarthy, representing Barre Town Middle and Elementary School
Leslie Walz, representing Barre City Elementary and Middle School
John Pandolfo, Committee Chair and Superintendent

Committee members absent:

none

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40p.m. at the BSU Conference Room.

2. Revisions to Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Kristin McCarthy, seconded by Leslie Walz, the minutes of February 17, 2015 meeting were accepted unanimously as presented.

4. Summary of Current BSU Policy Status

The Committee reviewed the status of SU level policies using the "Policy Manual Index" which John Pandolfo updated for this meeting. Using the VSBA current coding system, eleven Policies have been approved by the BSU Board between May 2014 and present. The Committee noted that not every district board has approved each of these, so each district Policy Committee Chair will determine which need to be approved at their district and work toward that goal.

To ensure that member districts are kept apprised of BSU Policy approvals, John Pandolfo, as Committee chair, will send notice to each district Policy Committee Chair when a BSU Policy is approved. John will also add approval of the BSU policy to the next member district board agenda.

The Committee also agreed that each school and SU website should have a link directly to the Policy page from the "Important Places" section of their homepage. John Pandolfo will follow up to ensure this gets done.

5. Review of BSU Fiscal Policies

John Pandolfo presented a proposal on fiscal policies. John provided the following: (1) VSBA model policies E1, E2, and E3; (2) proposed BSU Policy E1 based on the VSBA model policies and the recommendation of the BSU Business Office; and (3) an alternate set of three policies from a Policy Governance model (for comparison). The Committee will review these policies and discuss the proposal further at the next meeting.

6. Revisions to Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy (H7)

John Pandolfo presented a revision to this policy based on the February 5, 2015 request from the BSU Board to define the term “compact” and clarifying language for the school district/school level clauses. On a motion by Dottye Ricks, seconded by Leslie Walz, the Committee voted unanimously to present this revised version to the BSU Board on October 8 for a 2nd reading.

7. Discussion around replacement of district policies with BSU policies

The Committee discussed having all required policies at the SU level, and then having each BSU policy approved at the district level. Equivalent district level policies would then be rescinded. After this process is complete, then the Committee would begin looking at recommended and suggested policies.

8. Other Business

John Pandolfo informed the Committee that the group of nurses, health teachers, and family and consumer science teachers have requested that the Committee consider the following: (1) adopt one Wellness Policy for the Supervisory Union; and (2) adopt a policy related to condom distribution in alignment with the goals of the Vermont Sexual & Health Education Program (V-SHEP).

The committee set dates for upcoming meetings. All meeting will be held from 7:30 – 9:00 am at the BSU office:

- Tuesday, October 27; then
- 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in November (11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, ...)

John Pandolfo will send committee members the following documents in preparation for the next meeting:

- Wellness policies from each district
- BCEMS Special Education Policy
- Copies of policies D2 and G1 which were remanded back to the Committee by the SU Board on May 14, 2015

The Agenda for the October 27 meeting will include:

- Fiscal policies
- Special Education Policy
- D2, Professional Development
- G1, Curriculum Development and Coordination
- Wellness Policies & condom discussion

9. Adjourn

On a motion by Dottye Ricks, seconded by Kristin McCarthy, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pandolfo