

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION POLICY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Committee members present:

Dotty Ricks, representing Spaulding High School
Kristin McCarthy, representing Barre Town Middle and Elementary School
Anita Ristau, representing Barre City Elementary and Middle School for Leslie Walz
John Pandolfo, Committee Chair and Superintendent
Lisa Perreault, BSU Business Manager

Committee members absent:

Leslie Walz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. at the BSU Conference Room.

2. Revisions to Agenda

There was one addition to the agenda.

- Discussion of Policy and Model Procedures on the Prevention of Harassment Hazing, and Bullying of Students, codes F20 and F20-1

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Kristin McCarthy, seconded by Dotty Ricks, the minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting were accepted unanimously as presented. Anita Ristau abstained.

4. Role and Adoption of School Board Policies, code A-1

- The committee discussed how this policy should be revised at the SU level to allow for BSU approved policies to be ratified, or alternately edited as necessary then adopted, at the individual district level. John will draft the revisions and bring to the BSU Board on December 10 for a first reading.

5. Policy and Model Procedures on the Prevention of Harassment Hazing, and Bullying of Students, codes F20 and F20-1

- Model Policy and Procedures were issued by the Agency of Education in May, 2015. We have been told to adopt these documents virtually verbatim. SHS has adopted the Policy (F20) and is in the process of adopting the procedures (F20-1). Barre Town has modified its pre-existing procedures to fit the newly issued ones but will revisit adopting verbatim. Barre City will confirm if it has begun the process of adopting the new model documents. John will prepare F20 and F20-1 to bring to the BSU Board on December 10.

6. Fiscal Policies
 - Lisa Perrault joined the meeting. Lisa explained that the VSBA model policies E1, E2, and E3 have likely not been revised in a while and may change based on what she has heard at VASBO meetings.
 - The committee discussed the preference to still follow these three model policies until VSBA issues new models.
 - Lisa will review the policy she proposed in September/October in light of this preference, and return to the committee in December with a recommendation.
7. Special Education Policy
 - On November 12, the BSU Board remanded this back to the Policy Committee, based on the belief that most of the Implementation section was not necessary, and in part not correct. John had spoken with Don McMahon, who agreed that the Policy Section and the link to the Vermont State Special Education Guide should be sufficient. The committee will revisit this in December when Leslie Walz is present and plan to bring to the BSU Board for a new 1st reading in January.
8. Wellness Policies
 - This was tabled until the next meeting.
9. Other Business
 - There was no other business raised..
10. Adjourn

On a motion by Kristin McCarthy, seconded by Dottye Ricks, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16; 7:30 – 9:00 am at the BSU office.
The agenda will be

1. Call to Order
2. Revisions to Agenda
3. Approval of November 18, 2015 minutes
4. Fiscal policies
5. Special Education Policy
6. Wellness Policies
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
John Pandolfo