

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION POLICY COMMITTEE

February 17, 2016 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

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m. at the BSU upstairs office.
2. Revisions to Agenda
Discussion of C23 – Restraint and Seclusion, was added to the agenda.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
On a motion by Leslie Walz, seconded by Kristin McCarthy, the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting were accepted unanimously as presented.
4. F28 – Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy
 - Dotty Ricks brought a version of F28 back from the SHS SHAC committee with proposed revisions. The BSU Policy committee reviewed those proposed changes and accepted some and rejected or revised others. John P. will send out a copy of F28 reflecting those changes with these minutes.
 - BCEMS and BTMES will share the revised policy with their SHAC and Policy committees and send back approval or comments to the next meeting of the BSU Policy Committee.
5. G9 – Grade Advancement
 - The committee reviewed the model policy and agreed to recommend to the BSU Board for a 1st Reading as is for March 10.
6. Code change for B6 to C6
 - The committee agreed to recommend to the BSU Board on March 10 to change the code of B6 – Non-Discrimination to C6 to comply with the VSBA coding system we are currently using.

7. New VSBA Policy Coding
 - The committee reviewed the printer-friendly version of the new VSBA Policy Coding Index. John P. pointed out that there are mistakes on this list and on the VSBA website which are being corrected.
8. Review of Current Policies
 - The committee reviewed the Policy Manual Index as it currently stands. Prior to the April meeting, John P. will update this list showing which BSU policies have been ratified by which boards, or are in 1st or 2nd readings, or have a district approved policy that is more current than the BSU policy. At the April meeting, the committee will use this information, along with the updated VSBA model policy list, to set priorities for which policies to address at the BSU level. The committee also discussed the need to pay attention to rescinding policies as appropriate.
9. C23 – Restraint and Seclusion
 - Leslie Walz shared the BCEMS policy and stated that this should be a priority for the committee to put in place at the SU level. VSBA shows this only as a policy to consider. John P. will check if this policy is simply a reiteration of Rule 4500, which may be why it is only listed as a policy to consider, and this will be discussed in April.
10. Other Business
 - This was the final meeting of this committee with the current membership, as boards are changing and reorganizing in March. All members of the committee expressed appreciation toward each other for the work accomplished, particularly to Dottye Ricks for her leadership on policy work at SHS and BSU.
11. Adjourn

On a motion by Dottye Ricks, seconded by Leslie Walz, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:19 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016; 7:30 – 9:00 am at the BSU office.

The agenda will be

1. Call to Order
2. Revisions to Agenda
3. Approval of February 17, 2016 minutes
4. Review of BSU Policy Manual Index
5. New VSBA Policy Coding
6. F28 – Federal Child Nutrition Wellness Policy
7. C23 – Restraint and Seclusion
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
John Pandolfo