

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION POLICY COMMITTEE

January 20, 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 7:45 a.m. at the BSU upstairs office.

2. Revisions to Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Kristin McCarthy, seconded by Dotty Ricks, the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting were accepted unanimously as presented.

4. G15 – Special Education

This policy was brought to the SU Board in November but was sent back to the committee with the recommendation to remove all sections but the actual policy statement and the link to the Special Education Guide. The committee reviewed this recommendation and agreed to send back to the BSU Board for a 1st Reading as recommended for February 11.

5. F28 – Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy

- Dotty Ricks will confirm the following with VSBA
 - That the newly coded VSBA Policy C9 is not substantively different than the F28 policy the committee reviewed
 - The implications and necessity regarding the clause “To the extent possible,” in section IV C.
- Each Policy Committee chair will meet with their respective SHAC committees to ask them to review model policy F28, with the recommendation that this be adopted at the BSU level and then ratified by each district. The chairs will deliver the clear message that this process would allow for a consistent, over-arching umbrella policy to be in place at all schools, and that the schools can then create their own procedures to meet the particular needs of the school. Whatever aspects of the currently existing policies at each school that do not exist in F28 can be moved into the school procedures. This allows for the desired local input and control to be maintained.

6. Other Business
- VSBA changed its Policy coding and webpage on January 15. The committee agreed to maintain the previous coding system until all required policies are in place at the BSU and districts, and then to change the coding to the new system. Per Policy A1, the committee will be able to do this without reading and adoption by boards, as this will be a non-substantive change.
 - John Pandolfo explained the guidance VSBA provided regarding Appendix A on Policy F20. The BSU Adopted Policy has John as the designated employee for the BSU in Appendix A. The districts can each add their designated employees to Appendix A and ratify as a BSU policy, even though each Appendix A will have different designated employees listed.
7. Adjourn
- On a motion by Kristin McCarthy, seconded by Dottye Ricks, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 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 January 20, 2016 minutes
4. F28 – Federal Child Nutrition Wellness Policy
5. G9 – Grade Advancement, Retention, Promotion, and Acceleration of Students
6. New VSBA Policy Coding
7. Review of Current Policies
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
John Pandolfo