

**BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Barre Supervisory Union – Conference Room
August 21, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Guy Isabelle (SHS) - Chair
Jennifer Chioldi (BC) – Vice Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Deering (BC)
Alice Farrell (BT)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dotty Ricks Jon Valsangiacomo

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Isabelle, called the Monday, August 21, 2017, meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., which was held at the Barre Supervisory Union Central Office in the Second Floor Conference room.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Mr. Isabelle thanked Ms. Ricks and Mr. Valsangiacomo for their attendance and participation at this evening's meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes - Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes were reviewed by those present. The Minutes will be presented for approval at the September meeting.

4. Review of BSU Policy Manual Index

A copy of the BSU Policy Manual Index was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the document contains a list of policies identified by the BSU Policy Committee, most of which have been ratified by the SU Board. It is believed that all required policies are listed. District schools are reviewing their district level policies and identifying those which should be rescinded.

Policies F9 (Transportation), F33 (Student Clubs & Activities), and H3 (Community Use of School Policies) – The First Readings of these policies occurred at the last BSU Board Meeting. The BSU Board approved the First Readings of the policies. Once the BSU Board approves the Second and Final Readings, the policies will be presented to district Boards for ratification. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the SU Board discussion on Transportation, including clarification regarding the term privilege. Within the Transportation policy, privilege does not refer to a class of people, but is used to document that the use (privilege) of busing services may be suspended for individuals who pose a safety threat or cause disruption.

5. Discussion of Policies:

Policy F28 – Considering potential Federal Food Guideline Changes

This policy is presented for discussion because of concerns raised at a district board meeting. There is concern that this policy may need to be revised due to recent changes in the Federal Food Program Guidelines. Mr. Pandolfo will seek guidance from the VSBA. This item will be added to a future agenda.

Policy VSBA F33 – HIV/STI Pregnancy Prevention

A copy of the VSBA policy was distributed. Mr. Aither was performing research relating to SHS HIV/STI Pregnancy Prevention policies. SHS Policies/Procedures JHCE, JHCE-R and GBEB were rescinded by the SHS Board on 02/01/16. The VSBA policy was last revised in 2009. This is currently not a required policy. Mr. Pandolfo believes discussion of this policy was put on the 'back burner' as because implementation of required policies was a higher priority. Ms. Ricks believes this policy relates to student safety and would like to see it dealt with on a priority basis. It was noted that the BSU can have procedures in place without having a policy. Brief discussion was held regarding procedures for Transgender/GLB students. Mr. Pandolfo will contact VSBA and legal counsel for guidance. This item will be added to the September Agenda.

SHS Policy JFG (rescinded policy) – Student Interrogation

Discussion requires input from Mr. Aither. Discussion of this policy was tabled until the September meeting.

Policy DFB Scholarship Trust

A copy of the policy was distributed. DFB is an SHS Policy relating to the Scholarship Trust. (DFA - Scholarship Funds Investment Policy is also an SHS policy and was rescinded on 02/02/17). It was noted that the Scholarship Trust Committee is not a subcommittee of the SHS Board. Discussion included the possible creation of an SU policy, and a change to the definitions listed in the current policy. Mr. Isabelle advised that the awards committee wants to assure that awards are given out and that all criteria for awards are met. It was noted that the Scholarship Committee manages the funds, but does not choose the recipients. There is concern that sizable awards could be subject to controversy. It was noted that policy DFB may be a combination of both policy and procedure. There is concern that the current policy, as written, may overlap with the duties of the Scholarship Trust Committee. It was suggested that the policy be revised and that procedures be written separately. Mr. Isabelle would like procedures to assure that the available awards and award recipient names be published. This item will be added to the September Agenda.

Policy G6 – Challenge Policy

Discussion requires input from Mr. Aither. Discussion of this policy was tabled until the September meeting.

Freedom of Expression – No known policy

A Bill passed by the Vermont Legislature (under Act 49) enacts law relating to Freedom of Expression. The VSBA is currently working on the creation of a model policy to cover Freedom of Expression as it pertains to administrative censorship of school sponsored media. It is anticipated that a new model policy will be ready by the end of September 2017. This item will be added to the October 2017 Policy Committee Agenda. Brief discussion was held regarding SHS policy F29. It was noted that this policy refers to non-school sponsored media expression and therefore does not address the new law.

6. Other Business

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU 2nd Floor Conference Room.
The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU 2nd Floor Conference Room.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin