

**BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Barre Supervisory Union – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Area  
May 21, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Michael Deering (BC)  
Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins (BT)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Luke Aither, Assistant Principal (SHS)  
Jason Derner, Assistant Director (CVCC) – arrived at 6:11 p.m.  
Pierre LaFlamme, Assistant Principal (BCEMS)  
Erica Pearson, Assistant Principal (BTMES)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**1. Call to Order**

**The Chair, Mr. Isabelle, called the Monday, May 21, 2018, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., which was held at the Barre Supervisory Union Central Office in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Area.**

**2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting**

Due to lack of a quorum, Approval of Minutes was postponed.

**4. Review of BSU Policy Manual Index**

A copy of the BSU Policy Manual Index dated 05/14/18 was distributed. All BSU policies, with the exception of the Transportation Policy (F9), have been ratified by the district school boards. The Transportation Policy should be ratified by all district Boards by mid-June. Policies recommended by the legislature, will most likely have VSBA Model Policies created. The Committee will most likely wait for VSBA Model Policies to be created, then review the Model Policies (rather than trying to draft policies in-house).

**5. Discussion of Policies**

**5.1 Policies for Rescind or Consideration**

Ms. Pearson advised that several BTMES policies have been tentatively identified as policies that could be replaced by procedures, e.g. the Transportation to Sports Events Policy. Mr. Aither advised that he has reviewed SHS policies that are not currently BSU policies. Some of the identified policies are VSBA ‘recommended’ or ‘to be considered’ policies. Mr. Derner advised that during a review of CVCC policies, Ms. Chamberlin identified some policies that were given to Dotye Ricks, for facilitation of approval, but it appears that the policies were never approved. Ms. Chamberlin would like to be advised regarding what happened with those policies, and would like to be advised regarding the process for having the policies introduced to the BSU Policy Committee.

VSBA Policies in the 20’s range are Recommended Policies.

VSBA Policies in the 30’s range are Policies to Consider.

If specific items are covered in Statute, can policies be deleted?

Should the Committee review all ‘To Be Considered’ policies?

Copies of SHS policies were distributed. Discussion was as follows:

B1 – Board Member Education (VSBA A31) – Mr. Isabelle doesn’t believe this policy is necessary. Mr. Aither advised that the last paragraph pertains to reimbursement for travel and other expenses related to participation in training activities, and feels this section of the policy is worthy of discussion. This policy or portions thereof will be considered at the next meeting, to determine if it should be approved at the BSU level, or rescinded.

B2 – Board Goal-Setting Policy Manual (VSBA A32) – This is a VSBA ‘Policy to Consider’. No additional discussion. It was noted that BTMES has more in-depth Board Responsibility policies. The BCEMS Board Responsibilities policies are not known at this time.

C2 – Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution (VSBA A20) – If the policy is to be kept, it will need to be altered, taking out specific meeting days.

C3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings (VSBA A21) – This ‘Recommended’ policy might be beneficial to have at the BSU level, but would require some wordsmithing.

C4 – School Visits by Board Members (VSBA A35) – The Committee agreed to keep this policy under consideration.

C5 – Board Relations with School Personnel (VSBA A34) – The Committee may wish to consider adopting a BSU wide version of this policy.

ECA – Video Surveillance Policy – Mr. Aither advised that this is a very old policy which is not addressed by the VSBA (as required, recommended, or to be considered). Brief discussion was held regarding individuals authorized to view video at SHS and BTMES. Discussion will be tabled for now; a more involved discussion will need to be held at a future meeting.

F6 – Student Medication (VSBA C30) – The Committee may wish to address this topic in ‘Procedures’ rather than in a policy.

F12 – Interscholastic Athletics (VSBA C24) – This policy may need to be expanded because of alternative learning programs, including Flexible Pathways. This policy will be added to a future agenda for additional discussion.

F13 – Admission of Resident Students (VSBA C31) – This policy should be considered for adoption at the BSU level.

F14 – Admission of Nonresident Tuition Students (VSBA C25) – This policy should be considered and will be added to a future agenda for more in-depth discussion.

F18 – Eighteen Year-old Students (VSBA C32) – This policy should be adopted at the BSU level.

F22 – Student Assessment – VSBA C33) – It was agreed that this policy should be discussed by the Curriculum Committee. Discussion was tabled by the Committee.

F29 – Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature (VSBA C27) – It was noted that BCEMS and BTMES do not have an equivalent policy. This policy should be considered at the BSU level.

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU Central Office 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Area.

## **6. Other Business**

None.

## **7. Adjournment**

**The Committee agreed by consensus, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*