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SHS Policy Meeting August 1, 2016 - Monday at 5:30 PM Barre Supervisory Union Office

Members Present: J. Guy Isabelle, Dottye Ricks

Staff Present: Superintendent John Pandolfo, Assistant Principal Luke Aither

Guest Present: Representative Topper McFaun

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chair J. Guy Isabelle. Guy mentioned that this meeting will help set the tone for the future meetings to continue the good work that was provided by former Chair Dottye Ricks and member Kerry Lamb. Guy asked John to share the work he has done in preparation for the meeting, for new Policy Committee Chairs and if the work of the Act 46 Committee wins voter approval in November. John explained that if the merger happens there will be a need to have policies developed for the new Supervisory Union. He explained that the current Supervisory Union Board had been trying to establish policies that are consistent and adopted by all three schools.

Topper asked whether policies are different at all the schools. While there are common policies there are also policies that are unique to each school and the Boards that represent them.

Dottye explained that that roughly 90% of the policy work she did was adopted from the model policies developed by the Vermont School Boards Association. Luke explained that the model policies don't always go far enough. He explained that the firearms policy may be an example of that. It was also noted that some of the schools policies may not be on line.

The discussion emphasized the importance of the work of the Committee. Guy stressed that it is important that those who deal with the policies on a day to day basis be able to weigh in on proposed or current policies.

The group reviewed the spreadsheet that John had prepared. After much discussion there were model policies identified that would help the high school and also be useful for the new union if that passes. By getting these policies in motion we can move forward without wasting member's time. The policies that were identified to be presented to the SHS Board on August 22 will be as follows:

D11- Drug and Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees

D12- Prevention of Employee Harassment

D13- HIPPA Compliance

E1- Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability

E2- Budgeting

G9- Grade Advancement, Retention, Promotion, and Acceleration of Students

G15 Special Education

Luke wants to make sure we take a look at F7 –Student Drugs and Alcohol, F9Transportation, and F21 Firearms.

Dotty shared that she could not support the proposal because she had not seen the policies. Guy stated that he did not see that as a problem since there will need to be two readings. Meanwhile it will be the work of the committee to look these up. The packet for the SHS board will go out a week before the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 12 at 5:30 in the SU office. Guy will check with Kerry to see if that time works.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM

J. Guy Isabelle

Chair