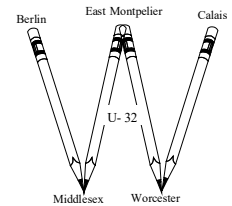


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WCUUSD Policy Committee Minutes 12.13.23 4:45-6:45 PM Central Office, 1130 Gallison Hill Rd. Montpelier Via Video Conference

Present: Superintendent Meagan Roy, Chris McVeigh, Amelia Contrada, Amy Molina, Natasha Eckart

1. **Call to Order:** Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of 11.8.23:** Natasha Eckart moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2023. Seconded by Amelia Contrada, this motion carried unanimously.
3. **Policies from November 15th First Reading**
 - 3.1. **B20 Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment and Background Checks:** This policy has been reviewed and is ready to go to the board for approval. Amy Molina (p 7: selection) asked for clarification: the cost of background checks is borne by the district? Natasha - yes, applicants pay for fingerprinting but not for the cost of background check. Some discussion about changing the language but in the end the committee decided to leave it as is except: "The applicant superintendent is recommending for employment will provide.... " (remove "for")
 - 3.2. **D22 Library Media Center Selection & Reconsideration (formerly D34):** The version that was included in the committee packet did not reflect changes that were discussed last time (regarding periods and regarding mascot language). The committee considered the most recent version. This policy as edited is ready to go to the board for approval.
 - 3.3. **A30 Policies and Procedures (formerly A2):** This policy is ready to go to the board for approval.
 - 3.4. **A20 Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution:** This policy is ready to go to the board for approval.
 - 3.5. **A22 Notice of Non-Discrimination:** This policy is ready to go to the board for approval.

4. Policy for Discussion

4.1. School Choice: Chris McVeigh proposed that for the next meeting, we cobble together some draft options for school choice, to begin the discussion.

4.2. F26 Security Cameras: This is the VSBA model policy at this point in the discussion. Amy Molina indicated that this model policy is consistent with the old policy that U-32 had in the past. Some discussion followed around the recent Safety Team meeting at U-32 and discussion of the placement of additional/ new security cameras (with a priority around entrances and exits.) The committee discussed with the administration the use of cameras. Discussion followed around procedures to be created in addition to the policy. A topic of discussion was audio recording capability and how and when to use audio recording. This would be fleshed out in more detail in procedures.

5. Policies for Sequential Review

5.1. A21 Public Participation at Board Meetings: Chris McVeigh noted that it has been pointed out by a member of the public that public comment does not happen during board meetings when action is taken (e.g. it is typically at the beginning and/ or the end of the meeting.) He suggests that we clarify the policy to reflect what our current practice is, or we should consider changing our current practice to reflect the language that is in the policy. Natasha Eckart stated that we have not been consistent in how we address public participation at board meetings; however, she realizes that having public participation throughout will create longer board meetings. Superintendent Roy suggested that this is a topic for the board to discuss. In her previous experience, the public comment period on the agenda is for the public to comment on items not on the agenda. Then during the meeting, as agenda items are discussed, the chair engages with public participation by inviting comments. Natasha Eckart suggested continuing with the structure of a 2-minute time frame for public statements, even if public participation occurs throughout the meeting. Some discussion followed around board members' behaviors/ reactions/ norms during public comment. Superintendent Roy suggested that Board Reflection on the meeting agenda would be a good time to check in with each other about such topics.

5.2. A23 Community Engagement and Vision: Chris McVeigh asked whether Superintendent Roy feels that our strategic planning process honors this policy. She stated that she does.

5.3. A24 Board Superintendent Relationship: The committee checked with Superintendent Roy as to her feedback on this policy. She stated that it seemed fine as is.

5.4. A31 Board Member Education: The committee briefly reviewed this policy.

5.5. A32 Board Goal Setting & Evaluation: Superintendent Roy asked whether we would like to consider taking "April" out of the policy and indicate "annually." Some discussion followed around the timing of board retreats and how they might align with the dates in this policy. The committee agreed to remove "April" and indicate "annually."

5.6. A34 Board Relations with School Personnel: Natasha Eckart stated that there is nothing in the policy to indicate what the board member's role is when visiting one of the school buildings. Superintendent Roy shared from her previous experience when either procedure or policy provided some guidance to board members in this context. She will provide for the next committee meeting. Natasha Eckart asked if

there is any guidance around board relations with students. Superintendent Roy thinks the language she is remembering applies to both school personnel and students.

6. **Future Agenda Items:** The December 20th board meeting agenda is full and the steering committee had asked the policy committee to consider this when planning for participation at the meeting. Chris McVeigh asked whether the policy committee could consider the instance when a student shares a vape with another student - as being not the same as "distribution." Superintendent Roy stated that the administrative team at U-32 is currently discussing this.

6.1. Next Meeting: January 10, 2023

7. **Adjourn: The committee adjourned by consensus at 6:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary