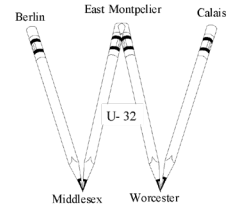


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**WCUUSD
Policy Committee
Monday December 9, 2024
5:45-7:15 PM
Central Office
1130 Gallison Hill Rd. Montpelier
Via Video Conference**

Present: Chris McVeigh, Natasha Eckart, Steven Dellinger-Pate, Becca Tatistcheff

1. **Call to Order:** (the meeting did not have a quorum therefore, it was not called to order and no official action was taken)
2. **Approve Minutes of 11.13.24:** Those present reviewed the minutes and saw no necessary corrections.
3. **Policy Work Plan**
4. **Policies for Review**
 - 4.1. **D4 Title I Comparability**
 - 4.1.1. **VSBA Model Policy:** This policy draft reflects the VSBA model policy, except for the language around “superintendent or their designee...” Committee members agreed to bring this to the board for a first reading at the next meeting.
 - 4.2. **F45 Fundraising:** This draft reflects what the board had considered; there were no suggested changes to this draft from the board meeting. There had been some discussion about the superintendent or designee, and principal or designee, and the language as it stands seems appropriate. This policy will go to the board for approval at the next meeting.
 - 4.3. **C9 Nutrition & Wellness**
 - 4.3.1. **VSBA Model Policy:** The model policy indicates that the policy is developed in consultation. Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that we are working on some grant-funded work related to nutrition; he believes the work group for this could consider this policy, to follow the verbiage around “in consultation...” Chris McVeigh suggested that we use some of the public forum times during board meetings to consider this policy “in consultation.” Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that this discussion could dovetail well with conversations about “Community School.” Chris McVeigh suggested bringing up the topic of high school start time - this could be considered a wellness consideration. What are we asking for feedback on? Becca Tatistcheff stated that policy, procedure and practice should align with the state requirements but also our focus within our district. She stated that she worries about putting practice into policy,

specifically, when we want to create a policy that allows for current best practice and research. She spoke about the differences between middle and high school students and developmentally appropriate practice; she noted that there is no “one size fits all.” Do we want to build into policy something that has been thought of as “practice?” Natasha Eckart spoke about the impact on transportation. She stated that she believes this is a good topic (wellness) to bring to the community for public forum discussion; however, she cautions against doing this during budget development. Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that he believes the best path forward is to start the work of the group around nutrition, etc., and have that group consider the policy. We want to make sure that our core belief of well-being is reflected in the policy. He believes this will take some time. Chris McVeigh asked what changes might need to be considered to our current policy to comply with this updated model policy. Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested, for example, health education and PE requirements. Some conversations followed around after-school activities fitting into PE requirements. What are the ways in which we are thinking about nutrition and wellness in a holistic way in our schools? What resource can the school provide to the community as a whole with regard to wellness? Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that he believes we should take time with this policy to be sure that it reflects the uniqueness of WCUUSD communities. Natasha Eckart stated the importance of looking through the lens of equity when dictating to families about after-school activities, food at home, etc., as this can be insensitive, and we should continue to look through the lens of equity and consider how we can support all families. Some discussion followed around food that is “sold” versus “given,” for example, classroom birthday parties, vending machines, etc. What does wellness look like beyond the school day? Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested that April or May might be an appropriate time to bring this policy to the board for input and a public forum. He suggested creating a work plan draft to bring to the policy committee to consider. Becca Tatistcheff stated that a grant application is Due December 20. She agreed with Superintendent Dellinger-Pate’s April or May timeframe.

4.4. F20 Fiscal Management & General Fiscal Accountability

4.4.1.VSBA Model Policy: Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that he had asked Susanne Gann to look at this model policy and provide feedback. She indicated that she did not see anything that was outside of our operating norms. This policy will come to the board for first reading.

4.5. Procurement Conflict of Interest: Steven Dellinger-Pate indicated that the state had asked what our policy is regarding this topic: Procurement Conflict of Interest; and we currently do not have one. He stated that he does not see any issues within this policy draft. He stated that this has not been a problem in the past; this has been brought to our attention as he indicated, because the state had inquired about it when we had procurement activities. There was some discussion about, for example, considering procuring a product and being offered free items, etc. -clarifying the language around this. Natasha Eckart asked when is an example of when someone would be acting as an individual with a vendor. Chris McVeigh asked whether there is any language in the CBA, which addresses this. There is not. Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested creating a procedure to go with this policy. “Employee, officer, or agent” within the language of the policy. This policy will go to the board for first reading. Steven Dellinger-Pate will create a procedure draft for the board’s consideration at the same time.

4.6. Amendment to Building Use Policy: Chris McVeigh had suggested a change in the language for this policy. He would like to have a time constraint on the decision for a request; otherwise, the default is permission granted. Steven Dellinger-Pate expressed concern with this amendment. He asked, what is the situation that has arisen that creates this need? Is this a one-time occurrence or is this recurring, to the extent that something formal is required. Natasha Eckart asked, is this something that is happening at one building, rather than across the district? If so, would a conversation with the administration at the building, to be resolved, rather than creating a district-wide policy/ procedure? Chris McVeigh would like to bring this back to the committee to brainstorm. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate asked him to share specifics with him as opposed to a

public forum - he stated that this might be more of a supervision issue versus a policy or procedure issue. At the next consideration of this, the committee will consider the request form as well.

5. Future Agenda Items

5.1. Next Meeting: January 8, 2025

6. Adjourn: The committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary