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**Addison Central School District
Policy Committee
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
49 Charles Avenue
Middlebury VT
05753**

ACSD District Vision and Mission

OUR VISION

Our vision is for all ACSD students to reach their full learning potential, have a sense of belonging in our schools, and enrich our community and the communities where they live in the future.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide high-quality, equitable, and varied learning environments that inspire a passion for learning and growth among our students.

A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

1. Introductions - Board Members, Administrators and Staff

Steve Orzech, Jamie McCann, Laura Nathan, Courtney Krahn, Wendy Baker present

B. Public Comment - Agenda Items

No public comment

C. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of 1-15-25

Minutes approved from 1-15-25

D. Committee Discussion:

1. Policy: D6 Class Size

The meeting focused on approving minutes, adding a policy on investigation, interrogation, arrest, and search, and discussing the implications of the D6 and C30 policies. Key points included concerns about equity issues introduced by the D6 choice option, and the potential impact of legislative changes on school district boundaries. The meeting concluded with a consensus to proceed with the D6 policy and to address C30 in a future meeting.

Provide more details on the communication and exploration process for the school choice policy (D6) at the next meeting.

Monitor the developments in the legislature regarding district boundaries and consolidation timelines, and update the board as needed.

Schedule the C30 discussion for a future meeting when all board members can be present.

Jamie McCallum confirms the approval of the minutes by unanimous consent. Steve explains the process of unanimous consent to speed up meetings. Jamie McCallum motions to add a policy on investigation, interrogation, arrest, and search to the agenda. The motion is seconded and passed by unanimous consent. Jamie McCallum clarifies that the policy was requested by Superintendent Baker. Jamie McCallum explains the new policy, which is an amalgam of other policies, focusing on student searches and law enforcement interactions. Steve seeks clarification on whether the policy addresses student privacy or law enforcement interactions. Wendy enters the meeting and suggests tabling the discussion due to substantial changes and issues.

Steve proposes removing the choice option in the policy due to equity concerns, citing research from various institutions. Wendy clarifies the controlled choice process, emphasizing the need for transportation and other accommodations. Steve expresses concerns about the potential inequities introduced by the choice option. Wendy outlines the communication plan to ensure equitable access to information about the choice option. The board discusses the timeline for exploring the choice option and the need for thorough communication.

Discussion about Governor proposal

Wendy discusses the potential impact of legislative changes on school district boundaries and local control. Jamie McCallum and others express concerns about the timeline and the need for local decision-making power. Wendy emphasizes the importance of engaging in the legislative process and being prepared for potential changes.

Steve emphasizes the need for a policy on school consolidation to address potential closures in a rational and reasonable way. Jamie McCallum and others discuss the challenges of having a conversation about school consolidation without it getting in the way of rational discussion of other issues. The board thinks it might be possible to include the consolidation question in the larger C 30 debate.

The board discusses the timeline for the second reading of the D6 policy and the need to finalize it before the next school year.

The board agrees to proceed with the D6 policy as revised, with a focus on addressing equity concerns.

2. Policy C30 School Residence
3. Policy A7 - Governing Style
4. Policy: D4 Title 1 Comparability

E. Public Comment - Any Topic

No public comment

F. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm

Move: Jamie McCallum Second: Steve Orzech Status: Passed

***Public Comment Guidelines:**

Public comments are encouraged and welcome at each regular board meeting during the period designated for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Citizens will be called to make their statement by the board chair. Public comments regarding personnel, students or legal matters will not be heard by the Board.

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