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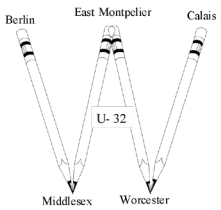

WCUUSD
Policy Committee
September 3, 2025
4:45-6:00 PM

Present: Superintendent Dellinger-Pate, Ursula Stanley, Chris McVeigh, Natasha Eckart, Flor Diaz Smith, Amelia Contrada, Gillian Fuqua

1. **Call to Order: Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.**

2. **Approve Minutes of 6.11.25: Ursula Stanley moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2025. Seconded by Flor Diaz Smith, this motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Review and Affirm Policy Work plan:** Chris McVeigh and Superintendent Dellinger-Pate had met to create this document. Chris McVeigh invited feedback from committee members. Ursula Stanley asked whether the plan includes a cycle for reviewing policies in an ongoing way.

4. **Policies for Review:** Flor Diaz Smith noted that the AOE is creating a model policy for Cell Phone Usage. We will consider this policy when it is available. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that this model policy would likely be more restrictive than what is currently in place at WCUUSD.
   - **4.1. (Review and Recommend to the Board the Adoption) AOE Model Policy: Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams and Model Procedures:** Superintendent Dellinger-Pate shared this model document. He noted that procedures would be shared alongside this policy. He stated that his understanding is that there is no room to adjust this and he is required to follow the law (which this model policy reflects.) Chris McVeigh stated that it is not clear in this model what the trigger is for engaging law enforcement. Some discussion followed around this. Ursula Stanley asked whether there is a timeline in this document indicating, once this is adopted, if we have a set amount of time to create a behavioral assessment team. Flor Diaz Smith stated that there is a timeline in the model policy, and Superintendent Dellinger Pate indicated that we would be creating the team simultaneously, as this policy is considered. Chris McVeigh asked, should we create criteria that guides when law enforcement should be enlisted? Ursula Stanley suggested that the team would be in the position to decide when to enlist law enforcement. Flor Diaz Smith suggest that we consider the F5 format rather than what is included in the packet. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that if the board does not approve this by October 1, 2025, it goes into effect on

October 1 regardless. The committee would like to bring this to the board at the September board meeting, for provisional approval in time for the October 1 deadline. Chris McVeigh asked whether the committee would create criteria for engaging law enforcement. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate indicated that the behavior assessment team makes that assessment based on criteria.

4.2. (Recommend to maintain current policy) D4: Title I Comparability (Procedure): Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that there has not been any change to this policy; what is included in the packet is procedures related to compliance to this policy. He recommends that the committee keep the policy as it is; the procedures are current and appropriate. The committee or the board is not required to take any action at this time with regard to this policy.

4.3. (Determine Next Steps) C47: Student Exchanges: (neither VSBA required or recommended) some discussion followed around the MOU we currently have in place. This is ready to come to the board for first reading.

4.4. (Determine Next Steps) C34: Use of Restraint and Seclusion; VSBA Model Policy C70: Use of Restraint and Seclusion: Remove C34; adopt C70. Chris McVeigh suggests including definitions in the policy. Ursula Stanley suggests putting a link to the policy to the current definitions so they are live and kept up to date. Some discussion followed around making sure this is user-friendly for people who ask for a paper copy. Gillian Fuqua stated that when she shares a paper copy of policy/ procedure with parents, she creates a printed PDF copy of definitions. **Flor Diaz moved to remove C34 and recommend C70 for the board's action/ approval. Seconded by Ursula Stanley. This motion carried.** This policy will come to the board for first reading at the next board meeting.

4.5. (Determine Next Steps) F46: Flag Raising (request from students to modify to every 3 years for a renewal request): Natasha Eckart had provided a written comment to the board, inquiring whether an annual renewal consideration versus every 3 years would be helpful in creating a safer environment for students who advocate for the flag. Flor Diaz Smith suggested that every two years might make more sense, also given that student representatives have a two-year term on the board. Some discussion followed around honoring students' feeling of safety as well as their preferences on this timeframe. Superintendent Dellinger Pate suggested that the board reaffirm annually, but students continue the renewal request on a two-year timeline (versus the currently written three year). The policy allows students to come to the board at any time to request a flag. Ursula Stanley suggested the language: that the flags remain on the school flagpole for two years. (Two years from the raising ceremony) The idea of the board annually affirming this will be covered in the equity policy on a broader scale. This policy will come to the board for first reading at the next board meeting.

5. Future Agenda Items

5.1. Next Meeting: October 8, 2025

6. Adjourn: The committee adjourned by consensus at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary