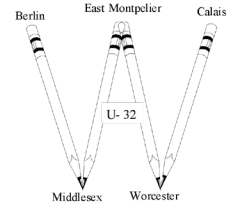


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WCUUSD
Policy Committee
November 5, 2025
4:45-6:00 PM

Present: Superintendent Dellinger-Pate, Chris McVeigh, Ursula Stanley, Amy Molina, Amelia Contrada, Natasha Eckart

- 1. Call to Order:** Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.
- 2. Approve Minutes of 10.8.25:** Amelia Contrada moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2025. Seconded by Ursula Stanley. This motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Review Policy Workplan:** There are no changes to this work plan at this time.
- 4. Policies for Review**
 - 4.1. VSBA recommended D23 – (Library selection and review procedures):** Steven Dellinger-Pate introduced this policy draft. He stated that this is a recommended policy and that it aligns with what is already in place regarding library selection of materials. Some discussion followed around keeping two separate policies for library materials and curriculum materials. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that the process will be the same for both (regarding challenging of materials); however the makeup of the groups who consider the challenge etc. may differ as these are two separate things. Difference between challenging the curriculum versus the curriculum materials/ instructional materials, resources used in classroom. The actual curriculum cannot be challenged, according to this policy. The board approves the curriculum. The difference in procedures between the two was discussed. Chris McVeigh stated that the Curriculum Coordinator should be part of the group that considers challenges to curriculum materials. Regarding procedures, are the meetings public? Add language: principal or designee (or superintendent or designee when superintendent is named). Some discussion about if the challenge is related to curriculum, would it be appropriate for the Director of Curriculum to be the designee? Agreement to leave the language “or designee” so that it can be decided on a case-by-case basis. Chris McVeigh referred to legal precedent. The material that is presented as the complaint is

considered the record that will be reviewed. Some discussion of procedural pieces being moved into the body of the policy. Part B in the procedures for D8 (1-6) - Amelia Contrada wondered if this should go into the body of the policy, since this describes and mirrors our values and core beliefs. Ursula asked the committee to consider whether this is consistent with other policies where we have discussed but agreed to not put procedure into the body of the policy. Amelia stated that this section is an exception as it is a sort of framework of our values and beliefs. Stephen Dellinger-Pate suggested checking the policy protecting teachers' rights to civil discourse - he will cross-reference that to see that this is consistent. The committee agreed to make these changes. D23 (first reading) and D8 (second reading) and procedures to the next board meeting.

4.1.1.Challenges and Complaints to School Curriculum Materials

- 4.2. B31 Educator Supervision and Evaluation (policy not required, nor recommended by VSBA):** Superintendent Dellinger-Pate explained that this is not required or recommended by VSBA. The Education Quality Standards address this. (In addition, would trump policy). Chris McVeigh suggested keeping this policy in place but putting into it the Ed Quality Standards. Some discussion about whether it is necessary to have a policy when Ed Quality Standards address the issue. Amelia Contrada asked if there is anything in B31 that differs from Ed Quality Standards. Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that they are substantially similar. If we did not have a policy in place, we would have to follow the Ed Quality Rule. Additionally, there is some language in our collective bargaining agreements that address supervision and evaluation. Some discussion about how to share this information widely. Chris McVeigh would like to have it published somewhere. Amelia Contrada clarified - so the agreement is that this policy is redundant.
- 4.3. Animals in School Policy:** (Irvine Admin Regulations, Animals in school information) Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that we have no policy or procedures around this, and that animals are brought into our school from time to time. He feels we at least need to have procedures in place for this. He asked the committee whether they feel there should be a policy or are procedures sufficient. Ursula Stanley stated that she does not think this is something for the board to govern, per se, but that she thinks having a procedure in place in wise. Amelia Contrada asked if we know what will happen to our policies when things merge on a larger scale. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate reviewed what happened after Act 46; however, we do not know. Discussion followed around service animals. Ursula Stanley asked what we want to enforce. She noted that federal and state law indicates how to enforce the topic of service animals. The committee discussed therapy animals versus service animals. Amelia Contrada suggested, if there is a state law around therapy animals, then we could create policy. Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested drafting a policy and procedures to bring to the next meeting for the committee to consider. Chris McVeigh stated that we need to address the insurance/ liability issue; he does not believe that simply signing a waiver covers.
- 4.4. C50 Comprehensive Sexual Health Services:** (policy not required, nor recommended by VSBA) Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that C50 was prior to the switch to C9, Local Wellness Policy. He recommends that C50 be rescinded as law, and the policy C9 can stand cover it. Ursula Stanley asked whether the law indicates just condoms or are other barrier methods included. Steven Dellinger-Pate will investigate. Ursula Stanley noted that there is an extensive guide on the AOE website. Chris McVeigh stated that we should not rescind C50 until we have a Wellness Committee in place to implement C9. Rescission should be

contingent upon that happening. Late winter, early spring is when the Committee is expected to be in place. Some discussion followed around expanding the definition to indicate barrier protective methods (which would include condoms).

4.5. C9 Nutrition & Wellness (AOE Recommended Version)

4.6. AI Policy- Tabled for Workgroup to Review

5. Future Agenda Items

5.1. Next Meeting: December 3, 2025

6. Adjourn: The committee adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary