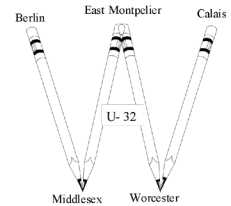


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WCUUSD
Policy Committee
December 3, 2025
4:45-6:00 PM
Berlin Elementary
372 Paine Turnpike N
Berlin, VT
(In-Person & Virtual)

Present: Superintendent Dellinger-Pate, Amy Molina, Chris McVeigh, Ursula Stanley, Amelia Contrada, Dave Rodgers, and Jill Abair

- 1. Call to Order:** Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 4:52.
- 2. Approve Minutes of 11.5.25:** Amelia Contrada moved to approve the minutes from November 5, 2025. Seconded by Ursula Stanley, this motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Review [Policy Workplan](#):** Steven Dellinger-Pate noted that he had updated the policy workplan.
- 4. Policies for Review**
 - 4.1. AI Policy:** Jill and Dave spoke to the committee about their experiences with AI in the schools with students over the past several years. They spoke about how AI is evolving very quickly and they have drafted a policy around tools to detect AI use as well as how to appropriately use AI. Amelia Contrada asked a question about ethical standards and ongoing teacher training. Jill stated that personally identifiable information about students is the highest of ethics in the policy. Dave explained that many of the standards and ethics that we already have for students apply to AI - for example, using another student's likeness without their permission. Dave stated that what is important is that we recognize there is a certain inevitability about AI and we are using a cautionary approach, collaborative effort, to review new tools as they arise. Jill spoke about the bias of data and the effort to access tools that are equitable and unbiased. For example, she spoke about the use of Google.

Ursula Stanley stated that the draft of this policy combines policy and procedure, and there will be some work in separating the two. Some discussion followed around training for staff in an ongoing matter. Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested adding to the policy that the topic will be included in the annual professional development plan for staff.

Amelia Contrada wondered whether this would be a good policy to put to the student council to consider, so they can grow awareness of the issues of sharing personally identifiable information. Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested further work:

- Separating policy from procedure
- Including professional development plan to the policy so that it can bring it to the board.

The committee thanked Dave and Jill for their work on this policy draft.

4.1.1. [Draft Policy](#)

4.1.2. [New Haven Draft Policy](#)

4.1.3. [Sample Resolution](#)

4.2. C9 Nutrition and Wellness (replaces C50 Comprehensive Sexual Health Services): Steven Dellinger-Pate shared that C50 is folded into this policy. He explained that it contains many components, including nutrition, physical education and health education, and sexual health services; he stated that it is a sort of “omnibus” policy. He stated that we might want to include our own wellness plan and how we measure related goals. Ursula Stanley asked about the implementation of condom availability - she suggested leaving out grade levels and noted “U-32 Middle and High School.” She clarified: condoms will be available to all, and other barrier methods will be available only as funding allows. Steven Dellinger-Pate indicated yes. She spoke about making clear the guidelines around student exemption. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate stated that this policy calls for creating a committee. He stated that our Community School position covers many of the components of this policy. There is a hope to create a committee by January 2026. This policy is ready to go to the board for first reading.

4.3. Draft AOE Policies and Guidance for feedback: Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that the next three policies have been provided by the state for comment. He is asking the committee whether there are things they think should be communicated back to the state.

4.3.1. B8 Electronic Communication

4.3.2. Cellphone Policy

4.3.3. Social Media Guidance

Ursula Stanley stated that regarding B8, this policy expands to cover a larger number of devices. She spoke about when teachers leave comments on student work, and instances when teachers are providing feedback to students on work after the time period that is allowed. Do comments on student work count as electronic communication? If so, are we limiting? What are the hours during which teachers can grade student work? Some discussion followed around teachers communicating with students via school email being acceptable. Discussion followed around time periods during which staff can communicate with students, including some instances when it could be argued that communication outside of the boundaries as outlined would be appropriate. (E.g. early morning cancellation). Amy Molina is going to share this policy with the Student Council and will provide feedback to the state as they have requested.

5. **Public Comments:** None at this time.

6. **Future Agenda Items**

6.1. **Next Meeting:** January 7, 2026

7. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary