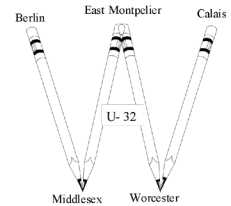


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WCUUSD
Policy Committee Minutes
January 7, 2026
4:45-6:00 PM
Calais Elementary
321 Lightening Ridge Road
Plainfield, VT

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

1. **Call to Order :** Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. **Change to agenda:** Ursula Stanley moved to change the agenda to move the AI Policy discussion to later in the agenda, when Amelia is present. This motion carried unanimously.
2. **Approve Minutes of 12.3.25:** Ursula Stanley moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2025. Seconded by Natasha Eckart, this motion carried unanimously.
3. **Review Policy Workplan**
 - 3.1. **AI Policy Draft:** Natasha Eckart stated that there is a shift in concerns from the academic side to the social/ emotional side with students. She noted that this policy draft does not address that. Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that the data privacy piece of this policy is an important aspect, as well as the use: how do we use it in an appropriate way? He stated that the social/ emotional aspect of it might fall in a different arena. Chris McVeigh asked whether we need to have a policy around educating students about the use of AI. Ursula Stanley wondered whether this belongs in the wellness policy. Amelia Contrada had shared some resources; she proposes creating some curriculum around wellness and use of AI. She spoke about the suicide cases related to use of AI. She suggests that any type of teaching to students around AI should embed the information about the suicide risk as well as suicide helpline (988). Creating an ethics committee including teachers and tech experts. Using AI from a human compatible lens, including the ethics - she suggests creating this and getting ahead of this trend. Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that we don't have curriculum policy at this time; however this is (a large body of) work for this committee. Ursula Stanley asked whether we could get student input (e.g. from student council) before this comes back to the committee. Difference between training about AI and what it is used for, and the pitfalls as discussed. Superintendent Dellinger-Pate suggests that the board directs the Superintendent to develop training around AI and to include a regular report back to the board. Chris McVeigh asked Amelia Contrada to share via email the sources from her discussion tonight.

- 3.2. **(VSBA E20: Community Use of School Facilities):** Chris McVeigh stated that he suggested having this policy on the agenda for discussion, given the possibility in the future of changes in building occupancy. Some discussion of whether designee should be changed - in other words Chris McVeigh suggested making the designee some sort of town official (for example, if a building no longer has a principal). Suggested language: “superintendent or designee.” Gillian Fuqua asked, why now? Since there are so many unknowns at this time. Natasha Eckart wondered if there are any other districts in the state whose policies we could look at further down the road to see if there was language already drafted that would apply to a given scenario. Chris McVeigh stated that he believes this is a crucial policy to consider at this time. Change #9 “such use may be limited...” for example, to accommodate some youth groups like Girl Scouts who meet regularly, to not require resubmitting the application for building use monthly or bi-monthly. “Assigned a space unless that space is needed for other purposes...” Steven Dellinger-Pate will make some changes and draft a red-lined updated policy for the next meeting.
- 3.3. **C22: Student Athletics, clubs, and activities (VSBA Recommended policy):** Superintendent Dellinger-Pate had included this policy on the agenda for the committee’s consideration. This will be included on a future agenda. Amy Molina stated that the U-32 School Board had created a policy similar to this. She spoke about the criteria: “school-sponsored and related to the curriculum” - she asked, “where does athletics” fit into this. We comply with VPA around athletics. Steven Dellinger-Pate and Amy Molina will make some edits to this policy based on the discussion tonight and bring it back to the next committee meeting. Some discussion followed around student interest groups/ clubs that are developed.
- 3.4. **E21: Distribution of Non-School-Sponsored Literature in Schools (VSBA Recommended):** Superintendent Dellinger-Pate had included this policy on the agenda for the committee’s consideration. This will be included on a future agenda. Gillian Fuqua would like to make sure to include in the policy things such as summer camps, and after school opportunities. Natasha Eckart asked for clarification on what types of materials and to which clubs this applies. Steven Dellinger-Pate suggested that the language in this policy includes district sponsored clubs and organizations (so would not be considered a “non-school sponsored”). Amy Molina spoke about electronic messaging within the definition of distribution in this policy. This could be clarified in the language. Gillian Fuqua suggested “digital recording or electronic means.” Steven Dellinger-Pate stated that he thinks the Acceptable Use policy addresses many of these issues; he will refer to that to look for overlap. Discussion of groups that are affiliated with the district or approved by the district or school-sponsored or district sponsored - how to be clear in the language of the policy around whether these are considered “non-school sponsored.”

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

5. **Future Agenda Items**

5.1. Next Meeting: February 4, 2026

6. **Adjourn: Ursula Stanley moved; Natasha Eckart seconded; motion carried, to adjourn at 6 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Grace, Committee Recording Secretary