

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
BUSUD Central Office, 120 Ayers St., Barre, and via Video Conference  
January 14, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Garrett Grant - Chair (BC)  
Jeff Eddy - V. Chair (BC)  
Catherine Whalen (BT)  
Lindsey Wells (BT)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sarah Helman (BC)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

JoAn Canning, Superintendent

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Mr. Grant, called the Wednesday, January 14, 2026, BUUSD Policy Committee meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., which was held at the BUUSD Central Office, 120 Ayers St, Barre, and via video conference.

**2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda with a Motion to Approve**

Correct Linsey to Lindsey on the agenda.

**Mr. Eddy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Whalen, to approve the agenda as presented; the motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Public Comment.**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**4.1 November 12, 2025**

Edit under 6 - Future Policies to Review doesn't reflect what's on the agenda tonight. Remove E1, add B5.

**Mrs. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eddy, to approve the minutes as amended; the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Current Business**

**5.1 Review Charge and Edit Guide**

Mr. Grant reviewed the committee charge, and Ms. Canning explained the VSBA Audit edits.

**5.2 Review Policy (C11) Student Freedom of Expression**

**5.3 Review Policy (C13) Students Who are Homeless**

**5.4 Review Policy (C14) Policy on Section 504 & ADA Greivance Protocol for Students & Staff**

Add 504 Coordinator Dr. Melody Frank. Add Human Resources - Carol Marold. Add building coordinators at the end. Edit Step 1 pronoun references.

**5.5 Review Policy (C15) Student Conduct and Discipline**

**5.6 Review Policy (B5) Employee Unlawful Harassment**

Discussed the procedure section staying in the policy

**Mr. Eddy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Whalen, to approve sending policies C11, C13, C14, C15, and B5 to the Board for first reading; the motion passed unanimously.**

**5.7 Policies with non-substantial changes: (B7) Tobacco Prohibition, (B8) Electronic Communications Between Employee and Students, (C1) Education Records, (C2) Student Alcohol and Drugs, and (C4) Limited English Proficiency Students**

**Mr. Eddy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Whalen, to approve sending policies B7, B8, C1, C2, and C4 to the Board for first reading; the motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Future Policies to Review**

Update on E1. Ms. Canning will review with Mrs. Gilbert additional policies to review.

**7. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., BUUSD Central Office and via Google Meet.

**8. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Whalen, seconded by Ms. Wells, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tina Gilbert*