

The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

A Policy Committee meeting of the Vernon Board of Education was held at the Administration Building on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Fischer at 6:13 PM. Present when the meeting was called to order were Mrs. Arn and Mrs. Rodriguez. Also present was Dr. Macary.

Several policies reviewed in the past had not been finalized. The committee wanted to complete these before starting work on the 9000 Section (Board of Education By-Laws) of our Policy Manual. They are as follows:

6111 School Calendar – Because the State has passed a new law regarding the setting of graduation dates Vernon’s School Calendar policy needs to be updated. Revisions were suggested to comply with the new law and legal references were updated. Mrs. Fischer made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as discussed. Mrs. Arn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6142.101 School Wellness – The School Wellness Council has been working on revisions to this policy for the past year. Mr. Farrell (District Athletic Director) has agreed to the revisions but Mrs. Fisher (District Food and Nutrition Director) is now out on maternity leave and has not had the chance to review the revisions. The committee decided to wait until Mrs. Fisher returns from maternity leave before approving any changes to the policy.

6146 Graduation Requirements – Mr. Magao was asked to review this policy. He suggested some changes and the committee made some other revisions. Mrs. Fischer made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as discussed. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6162.7 Backup Copies of Copyrighted Software – Mrs. Lipski (Technology Coach) and Ms. Ingalls (RHS Librarian) shared that this policy is no longer necessary. Mrs. Arn made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the deletion of this policy. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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6163.32 Live Animals in the Classroom – Mr. Dorsey (BOE Attorney) was asked to review this policy. He suggested many revisions. Mrs. Arn made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as discussed. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6164.11 Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco – Dr. Marmer was asked to review this policy. She suggested several revisions, in particular, the addition of the words Vaping/E-Cigarettes where appropriate. Also, the title of this policy will need to be changed to **Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, and Vaping/E-Cigarettes**. Mrs. Arn made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as discussed. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6171 Special Education – Mrs. Iles reviewed this policy and suggested that the legal references be updated to be current with State law. Mrs. Arn made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions (addition of legal references) as discussed. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6172.4 Parent Involvement – Mrs. Zingler (Director of Family School and Community Partnerships) reviewed this policy and there were revisions suggested. Mrs. Rodriguez made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as discussed. Mrs. Arn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6174 Summer School – Mr. Testa was asked to review this policy. Revisions were suggested and a legal reference was added. Mrs. Arn made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as discussed. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Arn made the motion to adjourn at 8:19 PM. Mrs. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gessay, Secretary