

The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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October 17, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

A Policy Committee meeting of the Vernon Board of Education was held on Monday, October 17, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Buxton at 6:02 PM. Present when the meeting was called to order were Dr. Buxton, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Linton and Dr. Macary.

Public Forum – There was no public comment.

Student Presentation – Giana Minier came to represent the Class of 2023. She was accompanied by her father, Jose Minier. Giana shared with the committee that 94% of the senior class would like to be able to decorate their graduation caps. The idea presented is that seniors who wish to decorate their caps would submit a sketch by a specific date and it would have to be approved by administration. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Giana would come back to the next policy meeting with the following:

- 1) Detailed specifications for what would be allowed on the caps
- 2) Signatures from seniors attesting that they would follow the specifications
- 3) Additional seniors representing various organizations/sports/clubs

Dr. Buxton was assigned the following policies to review:

5000 Student Educational Development – Dr. Buxton suggested changes based on language from CABE’s sample policy. Mr. Linton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions suggested. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

5111 Admission/Placement – Dr. Buxton suggested changes based on language from CABE’s sample policy. Mr. Linton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions suggested. Dr. Buxton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

5111.1 Foreign Exchange Students – No revisions were suggested for this policy. It will be marked as reviewed.

5112 Ages of Attendance - Dr. Buxton suggested significant changes based on CABE’s sample policy. Dr. Buxton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions suggested. Mr. Linton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

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Mrs. Fischer was assigned the following policies to review:

5113 Attendance, Absences, Tardiness, Early Dismissal, and Dismissal Precautions – Minor revisions were suggested for this policy. Dr. Buxton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions as suggested. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5113.1 Work Permits - Minor revisions were suggested for this policy. Mr. Linton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions suggested. Dr. Buxton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5113.2 Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism – Mrs. Fischer suggested some revisions. Mr. Linton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions suggested. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

5114 Suspension, Expulsion and Due Process – Mrs. Fischer shared the differences between Vernon's current policy and Cabe's sample policy. There were many differences and questionable language. It was determined that this policy needs to be reviewed by Mr. Dorsey, the Board's attorney. Dr. Macary will ask Mr. Dorsey to review and will bring back his suggestions at our next policy meeting.

5117 School Attendance Areas – Minor revisions were suggested for this policy. Mr. Linton made the motion that we recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions suggested. Dr. Buxton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Linton was assigned the following policies to review:

5127 Graduation Ceremony – No revisions were suggested for this policy. It will be marked as reviewed.

5131 Conduct at School and School Related Activities – It was suggested that our current policy be replaced with CABA's sample policy through their Section III. The rest of CABA's policy is more appropriate as a regulation. Mrs. Fischer made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval this change as proposed. Dr. Buxton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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5131.1 **Bus Conduct** – No revisions were suggested for this policy. It will be marked as reviewed.

5131.111 **Video Surveillance** – No revisions were suggested for this policy. It will be marked as reviewed.

Dr. Macary brought these policies to the committee:

4113.12 **Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers (NEW)** - This is a new mandated policy in compliance with P.A. 22-80. Mr. Linton made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the adoption of this policy. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Since this is a new policy, the Board will have a first read of the policy at the next Board meeting and vote to adopt at the following Board meeting.

5141.4 **Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault** – Dr. Macary asked the committee to add additional language suggested by CAFE so that our current policy reflects changes in the law. Mrs. Fischer made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval this change as proposed. Dr. Buxton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5144.4 **Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students (NEW)** - This is a new mandated policy in compliance with P.A. 22-80. Mrs. Fischer made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the adoption of this policy. Mr. Linton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Since this is a new policy, the Board will have a first read of the policy at the next Board meeting and vote to adopt at the following Board meeting.

5145.51 **Sexual Harassment** – Dr. Macary will ask Mr. Dorsey to review CAFE's Policy #5145.511 and our Policy #5145.51. Possibly language from both policies could be merged into one policy. The committee will review Mr. Dorsey's recommendation at our next policy committee meeting.

The next meeting of the policy committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

The following policies were assigned as such:

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5131.3 STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING (POLICY REVIEWED 5-14-2018)
5131.5 VANDALISM (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)
5131.6; ALCOHOL USE, DRUGS AND TOBACCO (INCLUDING PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS) (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)
5131.7 WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)

Anne Fischer

5131.8 OUT OF SCHOOL MISCONDUCT (POLICY REVISED 10-22-2018)
5131.81 ELECTRONIC DEVICES (POLICY REVISED 6-24-2019)
5131.82 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES (POLICY DELETED 6-24-2019)
5131.9 GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION (POLICY REVIEWED 5-14-2018)

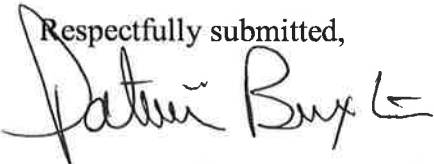
Kevin Brown

5118 NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)
5118.1 HOMELESS STUDENTS (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)
5124 REPORTING TO PARENT/GUARDIANS (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)
5125 STUDENT RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY (POLICY REVISED 5-14-2018)

Stephen Linton

5131.911 BULLYING BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOL (POLICY REVISED 6-25-2018)
5132 DRESS AND GROOMING (POLICY REVIEWED 6-25-2018)
5134 MARRIED/PREGNANT STUDENTS (POLICY REVISED 6-25-2018)
5141 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES (POLICY REVISED 6-11-2018)

Mr. Linton made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Mrs. Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Buxton, Board Secretary