

**February 12, 2025 MRPS Board of School Directors Policy Committee Meeting
MINUTES**

**MONTPELIER ROXBURY
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
POLICY COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL ONLY
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

Our schools are caring, creative, and equitable communities that empower all children to build on their talents and passions to grow into engaged citizens and life-long learners.

4:00 p.m. Board of School Directors Policy Committee Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Jill Remick, Tim Duggan, Rhett Williams and Jim Murphy

There was no Public Comment.

The Committee approved meeting minutes from 10/16/24 Policy Committee Meeting. Rhett moved, Tim seconded. The motion passed with no changes to the minutes.

Committee discussions

Discussion: Tim has been in discussions with VSBA (Vermont School Boards Association) regarding their service to analyze our existing policies and provide us with an analysis and suggested changes to bring the MRPS policies in line with VSBA. The fee for this service is \$1,000, and could be provided this summer most likely, with a 30-day turnaround for recommended and required policies.

Next Steps: Jill will reach out to get this question onto the next MRPS School Board Agenda for discussion.

Discussion: The committee determined that Policy E1 Parent and Family Engagement, should be shared with the MRPS PIE (Partners in Education) and the Caregivers Councils to ensure it is developed in consultation with stakeholders. It is important to note that the text is federal policy and there is not much ability to change the language.

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Next Steps: This policy will be presented for second reading at the next board meeting. Jill will request contact information from the administration for these stakeholder groups.

Discussion: The committee had considered revisiting policy C5 Firearms, but determined it should wait until the VSBA process is explored. In a comparison Tim found the current policy in alignment with VSBA, so it was agreed to leave it as is for now.

The committee discussed policy D6 Class Size following the recent Board discussion regarding class sizes and foreign language instruction. It was determined this would be left until the VSBA process is explored.

The committee discussed policy F20 Fiscal Management. Tim will take this policy to the Finance Committee for suggested edits, including the suggested increase for recording assets from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This is due by August 2025.

The committee discussed a question from other Board member regarding Bonding and Fundraising. Tim will follow up with the member to get a clearer understanding of the question.

Tasks:

- a. C-M-100 - remove inter-district transfers. This policy is longer applicable due to the closure of RVS. Jill will request this be addressed in the next full Board meeting and added to the agenda.
- b. Rhett agreed to review all existing policies for reference to Roxbury Village School.
- c. Jill agreed to review past Policy Monitoring Reports to see if any suggested Policy changes were flagged to address.

Items for next meeting:

1. There is a possibility the March 12 meeting needs to be changed to another day. Jill will confirm and reschedule for Monday March 10 if so.
2. The full board at its 2/5/25 meeting directed the Policy Committee to establish a Policy Review Schedule. This will be established following the VSBA review if that occurs.
3. Any feedback on E1 from stakeholders will be reviewed.

4:48 p.m. The Committee adjourned. Motion by Tim, seconded by Rhett, passed unanimously.

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