

April 9, 2025 MRPS Board of School Directors Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes

**MONTPELIER ROXBURY
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
POLICY COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL ONLY
Wednesday, April 9, 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.

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Present: Jill Remick, Tim Duggan, Rhett Williams, Sandra Cameron

Minutes Approved: 04-16-2025 School Board Meeting

4:02 p.m. Board of School Directors Policy Committee Call to Order

Item 1: VSBA Policy Review. Sandra Cameron from the VSBA participated in the discussion on the VSBA Policy Review plans and outcomes. The intent of their service is to identify strengths and weaknesses of existing policies and implications, including legal and risk management review; review the overall health of our policy manual; and provide a timeline for reviewing and updating (3-6 years). They will make recommendations for a course of action for the committee. Tim and Jill will reconfirm \$2,000 expenditure allowed by board. Sandra will send a contract for Chair Moore to sign, to work on this for June 2025.

The committee had planned to create a Policy Committee Planning Document. However, this will be on hold until the VSBA review is complete, as this is part of the final product.

Item 2: Phone Free Schools (Bell to Bell). The Bill establishing a statewide policy is still working its way through the Vermont Legislature, so let's see what happens. Meanwhile we will

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support the MHS process and then replicating appropriately in the lower grades. We will leave D3 (use of technology) alone for now.

Item 3: Public Comment*. There was no public comment.

Item 4: Consent Agenda. Approved the Minutes from 3/10/25 Policy Committee Meeting . Moved by Tim, seconded by Rhett.

Item 5: E1 Parent and Family Engagement. The Committee reviewed all the comments collected from Caregivers Council and administrators. This will go before the Board for Second Reading. We will send our amended draft to Libby for review.

Item 6: C15 Code of Conduct and Discipline. This policy is required but we do not currently have one adopted and posted. It references a plan for the district so we will confirm the plan is in place.

Item 7: Roxbury Village School. These references were removed from policies. Rhett sent the edits to Libby. Anna will update.

Item 8: D4 Title 1 Comparability. It was proposed this be removed, but since it does not list schools by name, we can leave as is per Rhett.

Tasks:

- a. Jill to meet with Jess Murray, SEL Director, re: Behavior Threat Assessment. VSBA does not have one. (Jill send invite, cc Libby)
- b. Tim and Jill will reconfirm \$2,000 expenditure allowed by MRPS board budget.
- c. Jill to check with Libby – do we have a Plan as referenced in C15?
- d. Jill to update F20 - The threshold for recording fixed assets has changed from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Correct and send to Anna.
- e. Jill to incorporate edits to E1 and send to Libby for her to take a look with any potential revisions. Meet with Libby to go over questions within the doc.
- f. Tim requested for future discussion – “enforcement discretion” regarding discipline and other enforcement hearings.

5:07 p.m. Adjourn. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Rhett.

Policy Committee Resources (standing):

VSBA Model Policies: <https://www.vtvsba.org/copy-of-model-policy-manual>

MRPS Policies and Procedures:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/e/2PACX-1vR_GlqDIpfPP0iByJq_cHbRpFeQdV46z1Skw8DRbmkBaEPc1SUIKEa6gAUKMCAoVwqQnFZCtVXz0s5X/pubhtml?pli=1

Full Board Agenda Planning Document:

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/116KEP-M9bJWiSrXbisbQX4j9QkoO-t7JVtX4Dufg1Ec/edit?tab=t.0>

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