

Orange East Supervisory Union
Policy Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2019
OESU Central Office, Bradford, VT

Attendees:

OESU Board: Julie Acker, Emmy Hausman, Judy Murray,

OESU Administration: Sherry Hoyt, Bruce Williams

Acker called the meeting to order at 4:45pm

Public Comments - None

Murray moved to Approve the minutes from the 02-26-19 meeting, Hausman seconded.
Motion Passed.

Outcome of Attorney Review:

Hoyt distributed copies of email conversations with Attorney Heather Lynn, who reviewed the committees questions on the Firearms and Student Conduct and Discipline policies. Hoyt summarized the phone conversation that she and Williams had with Lynn.

Firearms Policy:

Lynn supported adding "Aiding Other Students" section as stated in the Thetford policy. She did not recommend including any exceptions to the policy for community use for hunter safety courses, and recommended that district schools review their building use policies with respect to them being gun free zones. Lynn also recommended not adding additional language to the Sanctions section. The policy is very clear, and should the building administrator require discretion with regard to sanctions, an emergency board meeting could be convened.

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy:

Lynn provided sample language for the committee to consider to distinguish what falls under the scope of the Firearms vs. Student Conduct policies:

"Relation to Other Policies: Any and all student conduct covered by the prohibitions outlined under Code C5/Firearms Policy, shall be addressed solely by its terms, and shall not be handled by any other policy related to "weapons" generally."

Sample language for the threats policy:

“Any student conduct or student statement (oral or written) giving rise to a reasonable fear of an imminent threat at school or at a school sponsored activity, shall be a violation of this policy. A reasonable fear of an imminent threat shall be determined based on the totality of the known relevant circumstances at the time, and will be deemed to exist in any case resulting in administrative and/or law enforcement response taken to secure the safety and security of the students and/or the campus.”

Update on D1 Proficiency Based graduation Requirements (Mill River & Staff Meetings)

Williams provided an update on the staff meetings. It will be important to keep communicating with teachers and staff regarding the importance of the policy, and the commitment from the board to ensure support during implementation. The board will be looking for feedback regarding the monitoring and accountability portions of the policy.

Schedule Next Meeting Date:

Hoyt will get the list of the next policies to review from Ceglowski.

Next Meeting - 04/30/19 4:30pm OESU Office

Adjournment:

Hoyt motioned, Hausman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Acker
Committee Chair