

**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2015**  
**AT 5:30 P.M. – NCSU A213**

**PRESENT**

***COMMITTEE MEMBERS:***

Steve Mason, Lowell  
Gigi Judd, Derby  
Pat Austin, Charleston  
Richard Cartee, NCUJHS  
Viola Poirier, Coventry  
Katie Mientka, Brighton  
Victoria Lantagne, Newport City

***STAFF:***

John Castle, NCSU Superintendent  
Liz Butterfield, NCSU Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 by Chair Steve Mason, who queried for any agenda changes. There were none.

II. **Motion** to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015 (*Attachment A*) CARTEE/POIRIER **APPROVED**

**III. New, Unfinished or Other Business**

**Information and/or Action:**

A. **Update on Lice Policy:** Superintendent Castle distributed a handout of suggestions from the NCSU nurses. John shared that, according to the nurses, some schools are following their suggestions already: not sending children home when they have lice or nits. John asked if we should reaffirm the current no-nit policy or change the policy to be in line with the nurse's suggestions. He said the nurses' suggestions are consistent with what the VT Department of Health recommends. John will talk to the Leadership Team to see how they would like to proceed. Steve suggested an "Infestation policy", which would include bed bugs. John is afraid that this would cause confusion. John will check with Colleen Moore de Ortiz and the VT DoH concerning bed bugs and/or infestations.

B. **Review Organization of A, B and C Policies:** John asked how the committee feels about reorganizing these three sections. "A" would become "Foundations": aspirational and philosophical policies. "B" would become Board Governance and would include most of the current A, B and C policies. "C" would become School Administration. All of the other sections would basically stay the same. If the committee agrees, John will do more work to reorganize and will bring his work to next meeting. The committee supported this plan.

**C. Review the following Policies for revision (*Attachment B*):**

1.a) **C.1 Board Meeting Agenda\***: John pointed out that the Chair of each board is responsible, by statute, to create their board meeting agenda. Richard said that in the past, the NCUHS committee chairs met with the board chair, the principal and the superintendent to work on agendas.

1.b) **Combine/Rescind C.5 Board Meetings and C.6 Regular Board Meetings:**

**Motion** to combine C.1, C.5 and C.6 into one new Policy, which will become B.1, and rescind C.5 and C.6. **AUSTIN/JUDD APPROVED**

2) **C.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings** (*Attachment C*): John pointed out that this policy hasn't been changed since 2000, but was reviewed in 2008. John recommends that we revise the current policy and include any items that are in the VSBA Model policy that are different than the NCSU current policy. It was agreed to keep the current statement "may authorize the Chair to limit a speaker to one time, and a time limit." Richard worried this can be offensive to the taxpayer who comes to a meeting, and should be enforced gently.

**Motion** to remove the cross references and put policy C.3 on agendas as it currently exists so it will be dated as being reviewed in 2015. AUSTIN/JUDD **APPROVED**

D. **Board "Handbook" (Procedures)\*\*** John recommends that all of the following become procedures:

- 1) B.1 Board Member Orientation and Education: to Rescind
- 2) B.2 Board Goal Setting and Self-Evaluation: to Rescind
- 3) B.3 Board Member Ethics: (Rescind)
- 4) B.4 Board Member Conflict of Interest (Rescind) We have to keep this policy – it is required. The NCSU web site is wrong: C.4 is actually Visits by Board Members
- 5) C.5 Board Meetings and C.6 Regular Board Meetings (Rescind) \*C.1
- 6) C.7 Board Relations with Principal and C.8 Board Relations with Staff (Rescind)

IV. Date of Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items

(At the Executive Committee meeting that followed this meeting, the date of the next meeting was changed to May 28<sup>th</sup>)

V. **Motion** to Adjourn at 6:30. AUSTIN/JUDD **APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Butterfield  
Recording Secretary

**\*\* To view marked-up copies of the policies and/or new policies being considered, please use this link: [Policies Being Reviewed](http://www2.ncsuvt.org/ncsu-full-board/policies-being-reviewed) or go to: <http://www2.ncsuvt.org/ncsu-full-board/policies-being-reviewed>. You may need to hover your mouse over the link and use Control + click**

<u>Meetings:</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
NCSU Policy Committee	Thursday	May 28	5:30 p.m.	NCSU A213
NCSU Executive Committee	Thursday	May 28	6:30 p.m.	NCSU A209