

Slate Valley Unified Union School District
Policy Committee Meeting
August 24, 2020
5:30p.m.
Fair Haven Union High School

Approved Minutes

Attending: Toni Lobdell, Tim Smith, Tanya Tolchin, Julie Finnegan, Josh Hardt, Kris Benway, Brooke Farrell, Casey O'Meara

Call to Order: Toni Lobdell called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Tim Smith made a motion to approve the agenda, Tanya Tolchin seconded with the addition of Current policy B8.

Approval of Minutes from November 25, 2019: Tim Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 25, 2019; seconded by Tanya Tolchin.

Public Comment: None

Review of policies to be warned:

Toni Lobdell explained that we need to renumber current policy B8- Conflict of Interest Pertaining to Procurement to B10; Tim Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Tanya Tolchin; motion carried.

Policy B8- Electronic Communication Between School Employees and Students- motion to warn by Julie Finnegan, seconded by Tanya Tolchin; motion carried.

Policy C29- District Equity Policy- This was a model policy that VSBA put out to boards for consideration; the committee discussed the policy and felt that there needed to be a lot of groundwork done in terms of training and awareness prior to the adoption of such a policy. To adopt this policy now without the groundwork could be cart before the horse. The committee agreed that the district does need to do a lot of work in terms of equity but we need to be really thoughtful about the approach. They agreed to table the policy for now.

Policy A25- Delegation of Authority During State of Emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic- this policy was warned at the August 10th board meeting. There was some discussion by board members that this policy made them uneasy but they didn't see another way through this. They felt strongly that there would be an even greater need for solid communication between the superintendent and the school board.

Other business: The need to review existing policies was discussed and will be put on the next agenda.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tim Smith, seconded by Tanya Tolchin, adjourned at 6:14 p.m.