

**MINUTES**  
**SAU 39 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FINAL\*\*\* WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2016 \*\*\*FINAL**  
**BRICK SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**

**Superintendent** Peter Warburton, **SCSB Member:** Steve Coughlan, **MVSB Member:** Sarah Lawrence @ 12:28, **ASB Member:** Galen Tremblay

**Minute Taker:** Steve Coughlan

**Call to order at 1:04 pm.**

**Motion: Approve Minutes**

**Steve Coughlan** motioned to approve the November 9, 2016 minutes. **Sarah Lawrence** seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted, 2 in favor, **Sarah Lawrence** abstaining.

**Discussion and Review of Policies:**

**Superintendent Warburton** stated that policies BEC and BEDC would be deferred until the next meeting. JICG was approved by the committee in October, and seen by the SAU Board at its November 15 meeting. He passed out policy BGB (Policy Adoption) to refresh the committee's understanding of the policy adoption process. He stated that goal continues to be to step through all Priority (required) and Recommended Policies between now and June. The next review of policies after the Policy Committee reviews them is the SAU Board for joint review and comment, then the individual boards will have their first and second readings. It was noted that the SAU Board review doesn't count as a first reading for an individual board, but a board may choose to skip a second reading and approve at the first reading.

Policy JICH has had new language proposed by SHS Dean Peter Gagnon, and it will be reviewed at the next Policy Committee meeting. There was some discussion of the form of the proposed policy; the first part would be appropriate for all districts, and the second part is district-specific procedures. It was suggested that the SAU board focus on the common prologue, and adapt the procedures as appropriate to fit circumstances and resources.

**Discussion: Policies to SAU**

**Galen Tremblay** stated that policy BEA is ready to be reviewed at the SAU Board meeting on December 22. **Steve Coughlan** recommended that the policy omit an explicit statement of the time and date of regular meetings, to allow boards flexibility in setting their own schedules as members and their commitments change. The committee agreed.

## **Discussion: Informational Policies**

**Superintendent Warburton** stated that Amherst and Mont Vernon have adopted IGD (Curriculum Adoption), while Souhegan has not. The Amherst version of IGD was included in the packet, as well as versions from Londonderry, Exeter, and the NHSBA model. Christine Landwehrle will attend the next Committee meeting to discuss.

Policy BEDH (Public Participation at Board Meetings) also has been discussed in various boards, and could be updated. The current Amherst version, and well as Londonderry, Exeter, and NHSBA model versions are in the packet. Discussion ensued as to potential amendments to achieve a balance between community participation and effective board meetings. **Superintendent Warburton** will propose revisions based on the discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

## **Discussion: Other**

An appropriate meeting time to accommodate all members continues to be elusive. **Galen Tremblay** will contact members to discuss options.

**Superintendent Warburton** noted that the Souhegan Community Council had passed a motion requesting transgender bathrooms, and the Souhegan Board will hear the Council decision at its December 1 meeting. He further noted that a Transgender Policy is not required, and most NH districts have broad non-discrimination policies which can encompass transgender discrimination concerns.

**Chairwoman Tremblay** adjourned at **1:47 pm**