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**BURLINGTON BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
GOVERNANCE, POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 31, 2016**

Board Committee: Chair Commissioner Liz Curry; Commissioners Anne Judson and Susanmarie Harrington

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - A. *Agenda was approved by consensus*
3. Public Comment:
 - A. Comments and Questions from the Public: None.
4. Policy Governance Discussion. Committee reviewed ends statements from Winooski VT, Essex VT, and Bellingham, WA. We observed some commonalities in the structure of the ends statements in the three districts:

Bellingham

- 1-Mission/vision
- 2-Knowledge outcomes plus competencies
- 3-Outcomes focused on character and action

Essex

- 1- Mission/Vision
 - 1.1 Domains of knowledge
 - 1.2, 1.3 Habits of mind, qualities of learning

Winooski

- 1-Vision/Mission

General discussion: We liked the fact that Essex includes student surveys (8th grade exit surveys) in their data

Questions for Val Gardner include:

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- Do monitoring reports result from an iterative process between Board and Superintendent?
- Possibilities for training via committee. It might especially make sense for Val to visit with the Finance Committee to look at the impact of policy governance. That led to a more general discussion of the ways Val might visit with each Board committee.
- Might make sense for the GPA committee to play role of observers at full Board meetings to help assess how the training is progressing for the full Board

Homework for this committee: review Winooski, Essex, Bellingham ends policies and finance policies. Also review monitoring reports for those policies.

Ends Policies for Review

Essex:

http://www.edline.net/pages/Essex_Town_SD/Policy_Governance/1_0_Ends_Policy

Winooski: <http://www.wdschools.org/district-information/school-trustees/board-policies/>

Bellingham: <https://bellingshamschools.org/ends> (note the Bellingham ends policies have been reformatted into the [Bellingham Promise](#), which we reviewed at the Board retreat in May).

Finance Policies for Review

Essex various financial policies section 2:

http://www.edline.net/pages/Essex_Town_SD/School_Board/Policies/Policies

Winooski various financial policies:

<http://www.wdschools.org/district-information/school-trustees/board-policies/>

Bellingham doesn't appear to have a finance policy

5. Adjournment

A. *Motion (A. Judson/S. Harrington) to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Susanmarie Harrington

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