



APPROVED BY THE BOARD 9/13/16

**BURLINGTON BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 23, 2016
Ira Allen Board Room**

Committee Attendance: Commissioners Susanmarie Harrington and Anne Judson
Board Attendance:
Admin: Superintendent Yaw Obeng, Director of Student Support Services
Laura Nugent, Senior Director of Infrastructure and Technology
Paul Irish

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Given small size of committee and attendance, the committee decided to operate rules for small committees.

2. Approval of Agenda

By consensus the agenda was amended to include attention to a revised policy for responsible computer and internet use.

3. Public Comments/Questions: None

4. Policy on Responsible Computer and Internet Use

Senior Director Irish noted that we are required by law to have a policy on responsible computer use. The model policy included in the VSBA's model policy manual is simpler than the District's current policy. Discussion praised the more concise and general nature of the new proposed policy.

Suggestions: replace bullet points in section 1 with a more general statement regarding an annual process for educating students about responsible digital citizenship. As defined in this policy, responsible digital citizens understand safety, security, and privacy concerns; respectfully participate in online interactions; understand how information can be created, evaluated, and built on; understand copyright and authorship rights for their own works and others.

5. Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Policy

- A. Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Policy.

Will move to the Board for second reading.

- B. Procedures for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect.
Will delete the lines regarding volunteers at the end of the procedures.
Committee supports the District's effort to support volunteers and the way they promote child well-being. Will bring policy and procedures to the Board for its next meeting.

6. Adjournment

- A. The committee adjourned at 6:16 p.m.