

# The Board of Education

## Town of Vernon

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March 23, 2026

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

A Policy Committee meeting of the Vernon Board of Education was held on Monday, March 23, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Colt at 6:05 PM. Present when the meeting was called to order were Ms. Colt, Mr. Schoolnik, Mrs. Jablonecki and Dr. Macary. Ms. Sewell absent.

Also in attendance were Board members Anthony Bedlack and Susanne Vacek.

**Public Forum** – There was no public comment.

#### **Ms. Colt was assigned the following policies to review:**

1. **Adoption of Shipman & Goodwin's Model Policy #6142.12** – Ms. Colt made the motion that we recommend a First Reading of Shipman & Goodwin's model **Policy #6142.12 – Instruction – Advanced Course or Program & Challenging Curriculum** at the next Regular Board of Education meeting as suggested. Mrs. Jablonecki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **Adoption of Shipman & Goodwin's Model Policy #6142.13** – Ms. Colt made the motion that we recommend a First Reading of Shipman & Goodwin's model **Policy #6142.13 – Instruction – Credit for Online Courses** at the next Regular Board of Education meeting as suggested. Mr. Schoolnik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Mrs. Jablonecki was assigned the following policies to review:**

1. **5145.12** **Students – Search & Seizure** – This policy was revised 2 years ago.  
**and 5145.122** **Students - Search & Seizure – Use of Trained Dogs and Other Animals for Search on School Property** – This policy was revised 2 ½ years ago.  
The Committee decided to combine these two policies under Policy #5145.12, using the Shipman & Goodwin model policy. Mrs. Jablonecki made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions made as suggested. Ms. Colt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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2. **5145**                      **Students – Student Civil & Legal Rights & Responsibilities** – This policy was revised 2 ½ years ago. The Committee used the Shipman & Goodwin model policy. Mr. Schoolnik made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions made as suggested. Ms. Colt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**and 6171**                      **Instruction – Special Education (Re: Section 504)** – This policy was revised 4 ½ years ago. No revisions were suggested for this policy. It will be marked as reviewed.

3. **5131**                      **Students – Conduct at School & School Related Activities** – This policy was revised 3 years ago. The Committee used the Shipman & Goodwin model policy, but decided to include the Students & Definitions language from the BOE policy. Mrs. Jablonecki made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions made as suggested. Mr. Schoolnik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Mr. Schoolnik was assigned the following policies to review:

1. **6154**                      **Instruction – Homework** – This policy was revised 7 years ago. No revisions were suggested for this policy. It will be marked as reviewed.
2. **Adoption of Shipman & Goodwin's Model Policy #6171.1** – Ms. Colt made the motion that we recommend a First Reading of Shipman & Goodwin's model **Policy #6171.1 – Instruction – IDEA: Alternative Assessments** at the next Regular Board of Education meeting as suggested. Mr. Schoolnik seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Ms. Sewell was assigned the following policies to review:

1. **6144.1**                      **Instruction – Exemption from Instruction** – This policy was revised 2 ½ years ago. The Committee decided to table this policy for now.
2. **6172.1**                      **Instruction – Gifted and Talented Students** – This policy was revised 6 ½ years ago. The Committee decided to table this policy for now.

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## **District:**

1. **4152.6**                      **Personnel – Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)** – This policy was revised 1 1/2 years ago. The Committee used the Shipman & Goodwin model policy. Mr. Schoolnik made the motion to recommend to the full Board for approval the revisions made as suggested. Ms. Colt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **3542.2**                      **Business & Non-Instructional Operations – Food Service Charging Policy** – This policy was revised less than a year ago. The Committee discussed this policy and decided there will be no action on this policy at this time.
3. **6142.101**                      **Instruction – Student Wellness Policy** – This policy was reviewed less than a year ago. The Committee decided to address this at their next meeting.
4. **NO POLICY**                      **Phasing Out Kindergarten Waivers** - The Committee decided there will be no action on this at this time.

Mr. Schoolnik made the motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Mrs. Jablonecki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Colt, Board Secretary