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Chenango Valley Central School District

221 Chenango Bridge Road
Binghamton, New York 13901

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee: Policy ***Start Time:*** 530 PM

DATE: Jan 21, 2009

MEMBERS:		Present	Absent
	Everett Vail (Please Print)	☒	☐
	Jack Cashman	☒	☐
	Stuart Elliott	☒	☐
	Steven Randall	☒	☐

OTHERS: Carmen Ciullo, Carl Kieper, David Gill

DISCUSSION: Held third review of Use off School District Facilities. School Attorney Carl Kieper attended to answer questions. As far as the statements "No outside organization or group is allowed to conduct religious worship services or religious instruction. However, the use of facilities by outside organizations or groups after school for the discussion of secular matters from a religious perspective or distribution of such materials is permissible." It means that if an organization asks permission to only hold worship services this can be denied. However if the group makes a more general or carefully worded request to discuss topics from a religious perspective this is permitted by the policy. As for clarification of when groups could use facilities and charge admission fees, we took the Dance Connection recital as an example. This activity can be considered a social or recreational meeting or entertainment where the only requirements are that the use is non-exclusive and open to the general public. Additional discussion was held on when the Capital Usage Fee applies (it is currently not charged to school related groups) and the possibility of charging a refundable deposit in the event additional unexpected expenses (tipping fees, custodial fees when the event runs over the planned time) are incurred.

SIGNED: Everett Vail
(Chairperson Signature)

End Time: 630 PM

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Cont'd. DISCUSSION: Carl was going to provide some additional language for these areas. The Public Complaints Policy, Relations with School Districts, etc; and the Staff Development Policy were reviewed with no changes being made. The Policy committee also approved a proposed change to the organization and numbering of the Policy Manual. The current Policies are divided into four sections and "numbered" with letters. When there are more than 26 policies in the section the letters roll over to AA, BB, etc. This method is restrictive in that it does not allow for related policies to be located next to each other and it does not allow for new policies to be inserted near related existing policies. The new organization groups the policies into 5 "Series" (the 1000 series, 2000 series, etc) and places similar policies in the same sub-series. Numbering is typically at least 10 apart, (example: Policy X is 2120, next Policy Y is 2130) so that as new policies are adopted they can fall in right next to existing policies if appropriate. An overview of the new organization will be provided to the board. Carmen stated that it may take several months to implement the new organization because titles, and cross references will all need to be changed.