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Re: Policy Committee Work

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On behalf of the Policy Committee I present the following policies for first reading. The Policy Committee met on the morning of March 11, 2013 to discuss the policies listed.

Policy 1360 Student Representation to the School Board

*This policy is updated to reflect the addition of a second student representative to the Board. Terms for student representatives will become two-year terms. The goal is to increase student voice and participation.*

Policy 3271 No Idling on School Grounds

*The no idling policy is a requirement of statute as of May 2014. This policy reflects the intent of the law and would make all school properties "idle free zones." Note the law allows for idling in circumstances of extreme temperature. The goal is to reduce emissions.*

Policy 7740 Tobacco Use

*The tobacco policy is updated to include electronic cigarettes and related paraphernalia as items prohibited from use on school grounds.*

# POLICY DRAFT

1360

By-Laws

## Subject: Student Representation to the School Board

It is the policy of the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners that the counsel of students is an essential ingredient in developing policy and in general decision-making by the Board. The Board welcomes such advice from ~~a~~ Rutland High School students who ~~is~~ are selected/elected to ~~a one-year~~ two year positions on the Board. The student representatives will participate in all discussions in public session of the Board but, as ~~a~~ minors who ~~is~~ are not elected by the citizens of Rutland City, will have the right to offer a vote in an advisory capacity only. Student representative votes shall not be tallied in the count for action items. not have the right to vote. ~~The student representative may be invited to participate in Executive Session discussions of the Board if deemed appropriate by a majority of the Board present.~~

Beginning with the student elections in the spring of 2014, the Board of School Commissioners will welcome 2 Rutland High School Students to serve on the Board as described above. A "rising junior" shall be elected for a two-year term, and a "rising senior" shall be elected for a one year term. In all Student Representative elections thereafter, a "rising junior" will be elected to a two-year term.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

1. A matriculated Rutland City School sophomore or ~~junior~~ attending Rutland High or Stafford Technical Center who is interested in serving in an advisory capacity on the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners may ~~indicate their interest prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> by submitting~~ submit an essay, explaining their reasons for wanting to serve on the Board, to a faculty selection committee ~~prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.~~
2. The faculty committee will then nominate up to six candidates for election. ~~by the students~~ Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 at Rutland High School will be eligible to vote for student representatives. in a process to be organized and supervised by the RHS Student Council in cooperation with the Principal, to be held on or about the first of May.
3. The successful candidate will begin a ~~one-two~~ year term of service at the first Board Meeting in June after they are sworn- in.
4. ~~In the case of election of a sophomore, that student could stand for reelection for a second term.~~

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POLICY	3271
	COMMUNITY RELATIONS

**No Idling of Motor Vehicles on School District Property**

The school board recognizes that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. State law limits the idling of school buses while waiting to board or exit students at a school, and prohibits the idling of all motor vehicles to five minutes in any 60-minute period (with exceptions).

**Definition:** As used in this policy, the term “school grounds” shall mean any area adjacent to school buildings and used at any time for school related activities, including parking lots, playing fields and driveways.

**Policy:** Subject to exceptions developed by the Superintendent, the operators of motor vehicles, other than school buses, shall not allow their vehicles to idle while on school grounds.

The superintendent or his or her designee shall:

- Post “no idling” signs to notify the operators of motor vehicles on school grounds.

**Legal References:** 23 V.S.A. §1282(f); Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices, Rule 6001. 23 V.S.A. § 1110 ; Prohibited idling of motor vehicles.

**First Reading: 3/25/14**

**Date Adopted:**

# Rutland Public Schools

POLICY  
NUMBER 7440

Section:  
Student

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## Tobacco Use

It is the policy of the Rutland City School District that no student at any time shall possess, use, sell, give or otherwise transmit any tobacco product, electronic nicotine cigarettes, or any related paraphernalia on school owned or leased property or at any school sponsored activity off school grounds.

Any student in possession of a ~~tobacco product~~ any of the above shall have the product confiscated immediately by an employee and reported to the principal or his/her designee who shall make a referral to law enforcement.

Consequences for the student shall be consistent with the discipline procedures in the individual schools.

Consistent with state statutes, 16 VSA §140, no person, including adults, shall be permitted to use tobacco on school grounds.

Legal Reference: V.S.A. Title 16 §140

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