

**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

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July 27, 2020

Present: Tim Vincent, Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust (VSBIT); Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA); Melissa Horwitz, Human Rights Commission (HRC); Sue Ceglowski, Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA); Mara Iverson, Outright VT; Bernice Garnett, University of Vermont (UVM).

AOE: Suzanne Sprague

**Agenda:**

1. Discussion - Title IX
2. COVID-19 Planning
3. HHB future direction and activities related to Cyberbullying
4. Other?

The meeting convened at 2:35 p.m.

Chair Vincent asked for members to identify themselves.

Chair Vincent said that many key members were attending a different meeting and may or may not be able to join the meeting later. He began discussion on changes to Title IX and indicated that he shared two documents with the members. The first was a brief overview of the law and the second was a letter from the National School Boards Association to U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, asking her to delay its implementation. Chair Vincent advised that he reached out to Heather Thomas Lynn of Lynn, Lynn, Blackman and Manitsky, P.C. and she provided her commentary on the discussion documents shared by the Chair. Additionally, Lynn is willing to provide a brief overview of the changes to Title IX which are set to go into effect the 2020-21 school year. Her overview can then be shared to the school community as necessary with Secretary French's approval. Chair Vincent asked for comments. Hearing none he said he would ask Lynn to proceed with the overview.

Chair Vincent said that the HHB Listening Tours would be postponed until schools return to complete in-person instruction following the COVID-19 pandemic. He asked the members if there were any discussion items related to COVID-19 that should be addressed. Garnett said

that cyberbullying was becoming an increasing concern with remote learning. She wondered what cyberbullying prevention looks like when teaching remotely. She was not certain of the HHB's role in cyberbullying. Garnett said there was a lot of room to support schools. Chair Vincent said that the HHB discussed cyberbullying increasing during the remote learning at its June meeting. He said in his opinion cyberbullying meets the mission of the HHB. He asked the members if they were aware of any resources already available or if the HHB should help develop some resources. Discussion followed regarding possible sources. Chair Vincent said that he would reach out to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont to see if they have any resources. He asked the members to reach out to any subject matter experts they may know that may have resources on cyberbullying that the HHB might recommend. He asked that the contact information be shared with him.

The members decided to end the meeting early. Chair Vincent said that he will try and schedule another meeting prior to the scheduled September meeting to discuss Title IX.

The next meetings are below.

September 28, 2020

November 30, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague.