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[00:00:01] Is this on? Yeah. Seeing as it is now 4.02, this is Carrie LaBelle, and we are going to start our SBAC meeting at this time. With me today is Mrs. Anne Donahue and Mr. Ross Svensson.

[00:00:22] Are there any sign-ups that we know of for public comment? Okay. Seeing that there is no one signed up, we will move forward now with the minutes. Did you both have time to review the minutes from our last meeting? Yes, we're getting nods here. That's good. Always good. Do you have anything you'd like to add, adjust, take out? Correct? You're happy this time is done here? Oh, good.

[00:00:59] Yes, thank you, Chair LaBelle. At that point in time, then, may I have a motion to approve the minutes as distributed and printed for us? Chair LaBelle, I move to approve the minutes from the June 22nd, 2026, and the August 24th, 2026 SPAC committee meetings.

[00:01:17] Thank you Second seconded. Thank you. Mr. Svensson. There's a motion on the floor Did you make the motion to approve? Yes. Okay. Yes, ma'am. All right So we have a motion on the floor to improve approve the minutes of both the June 22nd and the August 24th Minutes from those meetings all those in favor say aye aye all those opposed hearing no opposition approval of the minutes is passed and now we're going to move on to information items tonight we're going or

[00:01:55] this afternoon we're going to revisit policy 8650 student technology and acceptable responsible use and we have a presentation so if you'd like to begin that would be fine excellent so thank you tonight we are bringing updates to policy 8650 student technology acceptable responsible use the proposed revisions to policy 8650 update and modernize the student technology acceptable use policy by clarifying technology monitoring and content filtering practices incorporating some digital citizenship instruction information addressing responsible use of emerging technology such as generative

[00:02:35] AI and making minor editorial changes references to technology resources have been expanded we do not have mainframes anymore so we removed some of the legacy terminology and updated it to better reflect what we actually provide and we do language in the monitoring section was revised to clarify that usage and activity on lcpss technology systems are monitored communications may be backed up and security tools may be employed to maintain the integrity and security of the network the policy clarifies lcpss operates technology protection measures such as to monitor filter and block inappropriate content on all

[00:03:10] devices connected to lcpss networks including wireless networks student education requirements are updated to include digital citizenship as i stated before and there's new language that explicitly addresses responsible and ethical use of emerging technologies. We included generative artificial intelligence as an example, but as those could we left it open-ended enough to address any technology that is emerging and could be incorporated into the policy. Just one note, Virginia code 22.1-70.2 requires that this policy is updated every two years so we're bringing it for its two-year review cycle and after this conversation tonight it'll be posted for public

[00:03:48] feedback during the normal process and i will be back with feedback to discuss it as an action item at the october 26 meeting so with that that's a summary of the policy changes and i'm happy to take any questions ms donahue go ahead thank you very much chair labell uh thank you for that uh summary mr smith um i my question i'm not even sure if it's directly germane to to this proposed policy change but i happened to be at an event yesterday and i was talking to a student from Rockridge High School and when I asked her as I do anytime I have the wishing

[00:04:27] that they could use their MacBook and knowing that that was like not permissible under policy so since since you're here what is is that correct that it's against policy to allow students to use their personal devices and assuming that that is correct what is our reason for that particular restriction sure so this policy doesn't specifically cover that topic but it is addressed in 86 55 which is kind of a partner policy to this, and that's the student personal device use policy.

[00:04:57] That policy, so basically state law requires that no students are not allowed to use any personal technology that connects to any internet and transfers any data between bell to bell. So that is a state law that was passed, and they actually updated it this previous year to make it even a little more restrictive to change some of the language from ban to, I think, from restrict to ban.

[00:05:19] And so there were some, like, legal conversations about those having different meanings. So they kind of tightened it and doubled down on no technology. Now, you are, students do, there are, if there's an accommodation needed for a 504 IEP, there's also for EL students.

[00:05:37] So that really is because the state law. So before the state law was put into place, we had a little bit more flexibility with that. And we did allow, we restricted K through 8, and we did allow high school

students, because they do have personal preference, If you made me work on a Mac, it would take me a little bit because I don't use one every single day.

[00:05:54] But if you take a Mac user and put them on a Chromebook, it's kind of the same thing. So it's really the state law that's driving that for us. Thank you, Mr. Smith. That's very helpful to know. And I assume the state law that you're referring to is the one that colloquially I think of as the cell phone ban when the state moved to pass the code that does not allow use of cell phones.

[00:06:14] But to your point, it is broader than just cell phones. It includes any wearable tech, smartwatches, metaglasses, anything that transmits. And it really is the language in the policy. It's called the cell phone policy, but it's any technology that transfers data.

[00:06:32] And that's pretty much every piece of technology. So it's pretty much a ubiquitous band, Dell DeBell. Students are still allowed to use it before and after school or personally to do their homework and stuff like that. They just can't use it during class time. Thank you very much. That's very helpful. That's all I have, Chair LeBell. Thank you.

[00:06:47] Thank you, Ms. Donahue. Do you have any questions, mr. Spencer? No questions for me. Okay. Thank you very much with no questions Going forward would you like to go ahead and this move this to go forward to our different?

[00:07:06] Groups that we have to send them out to their motion to do so not sure if a motion is necessary But I certainly would support this these proposed policy revisions to be circulated for feedback among our advisory groups in the public and to return to your committee as an action item is there we're not making a motion right it typically s back has made motions to send policies to public comment whether or not that is required I can't say but that is certainly our

[00:07:44] practice here at s back so moved thank you is there a second seconded thank you mr. forward thank you it's one of those days there's a motion on the floor to send this policy forward to our advisory groups for further consultation all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed hearing no opposition the motion

[00:08:21] passes and this will be sent forward is there any new business that we need to discuss right now anything well with no new business I move I move and you can second it if you want to that we adjourn this meeting of the SBAC committee at 412th. Seconded. All those in favor of adjournment say aye. Aye. All those

[00:08:56] opposed. Seeing no opposition we are just we are adjourned at 412th.

