

**Mahomet-Seymour
COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 3
Champaign County, Illinois
Meeting of the Board of Education Policy Committee**

Held in the Board Conference Room

Date: August 12, 2019

10:30 Policy Committee Meeting

1. Call to order

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Policy Committee members present for the roll call were Lori Larson and Meghan Hennesy. Also present was Superintendent, Dr. Lindsey Hall and Board Recorder, Dawn Quinley.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Mrs. Hennesy, seconded by Larson, *to approve the agenda as presented.* The motion passed.

5. Public Comment

Dr. Lindsey Hall called for any public participation forms. There was no public participation.

6. PRESS 100 & 101 5-Year-Review

Dr. Hall gave a brief overview of the policies being put forward for review. As part of the District's PRESS subscription, on an ongoing and rotating basis, PRESS identifies policies for review every 5 years. The committee discussed the possibility of tailoring policies in certain instances for the District if needed. Consensus was that it is always possible to make changes to policies as the District finds necessary. Policies up for 5-Year-Review are: 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 4:30, 2:240, 3:60, 4:90, 6:65, 7:185, 8:95, 5:40, 5:130, 5:310, 6:110, and 7:170. These policies will be presented to the full board on August 19, 2019. There were no suggested changes from the Committee.

7. PRESS 101 Update

Dr. Hall reviewed policies to be updated. 2:110, 2:140, 4:20, 2:230, 5:180, 6:40, and 6:340. The committee moved into discussion about the updates recommended in the current update from PRESS spending time discussing 2:230, Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board focusing on components of meeting agendas and possible reformatting. Committee members agreed that discussing this during the first reading of the policy updates at the next regular meeting of the Board is the next step. The committee also discussed the format of the agenda when multiple policy updates are being proposed, and providing the ability to consent to all or pulling one or more off for additional discussion. Committee members agreed that this option could be helpful in streamlining discussion. Consensus was to present all policies as recommended by PRESS as is to the full Board.

8. Revisions to Board Policies: 6:210, 6:280, 6:310

Dr. Rummel began by giving an overview of changes being recommended for policy 6:210, Instructional Materials. The committee spent additional time discussing the portion of the policy related to the showing of movies and parent notification and approval. Members discussed the possibility of adding language related to a timeframe for notifying parents and guardians, then agreed that this might be best handled at the administrative procedures level so that needed process pieces are in place at that level.

Dr. Rummel explained that 6:280 needs to be updated to remove an outdated reference to PARCC assessment.

Dr. Rummel provided an overview of changes being recommended for 6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students. The committee discussed expanding the current maximum of 1 credit hour and allowing exceptions not just for credit recovery, but also for students who want to get ahead. Committee members agreed that this discussion should include counselors from the high school before any changes are made in this area, and that they would like to gather more data for discussion at the next policy meeting.

9. Proposed Policy by Ken Keefe

Ken Keefe gave a brief recap of his proposal to change policy 2:240 about board policy development. Mr. Keefe presented the proposed policy to the Policy Committee on June 19, 2019, and then to the full Board on June 24, 2019. Action was scheduled to be taken at the July 15, 2019, but with the full board not in attendance, it was tabled to the August regular meeting of the Board. His update today included the changes suggested by the entire Board in June and also included a change being proposed to policy 2:20, Powers & Duties of the School Board. Committee Members thanked Ken for his work.

10. Technology Policy by Meghan Hennesy

Mrs. Hennesy shared concerns she has with the Technology Acceptable Use Policy. Her concerns included information that appears to be missing from the online registration step where parents are asked to review the policy, the outlined student responsibilities and restrictions, and student privacy. She would like to see changes to some of the language currently being used in the policy. Specifically, she would like to see more balance between safety and privacy, and language that reflects more of a partnership between families and the District.

The committee members discussed the process and timing behind the creation of this policy and its inclusion in the District Handbook. The Parent Teacher Advisory Committee reviews the Handbook in the spring and then presents it to the Board for approval. The committee discussed expanding the group of people who might want to be involved in updating the policy in the future beyond the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee. Consensus among the members was to discuss this with the Board at the next regular meeting.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Policy Committee, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:37 a.m.

Max McComb, President

Merle Giles, Secretary

Submitted by Dawn Quinley, Board Recorder