

September 10, 2018

The Policy Committee of Community High School District 99 met on Monday, September 10, 2018, at the Administrative Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Board Members Daniel Nicholas and Rick Pavinato. Also present were Henry Thiele, Superintendent; Pete Theis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mark Staehlin, Controller; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were two visitors.

The minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- I. Dr. Thiele shared a parent requested the Policy Committee review Board policy 4.140, *Waiver of Student Fees*. He stated the current Board policy does not give administration the authorization to modify, waive, reduce or change fees except under very specific circumstances. Per Dr. Thiele, according to Board policy, any student who is enrolled in District 99 pays the full registration fee, whether the student attends North or South High full or part time, or is outplaced; there is no proration.

After discussion, the Policy Committee was in favor of having the District attorney draft language to amend Board policy 4.140, *Waiver of Student Fees*, to allow for a reduced registration fee which would include a base amount, to cover administrative costs, plus a prorated amount, determined by the number of periods the student is enrolled in classes. Dr. Thiele shared the full Board would review the policy after the proration language was received from the attorney. Dr. Thiele noted, if the Board adopts the change to the policy, the Board can also determine when the change becomes effective.

## II. Reception of Visitors – Public Comment

Cory and Cyndi Fosco addressed the Policy Committee requesting justification for the \$315 registration fee and asked specifically what the fee covers. They stated, for TCD, they pay an additional \$200 to District 99 and a \$100 to TCD. They shared their daughter attends TCD and is home-schooled.

Mr. Staehlin explained the \$200 TCD fee is a commitment fee, which helps defray the cost of busing students to TCD and the cost of TCD, which is about \$5,000 per student.

Dr. Thiele agreed to email the parents the information presented to the Board regarding registration fees.

## III. The date of the next meeting has not been determined.

## IV. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

