

October 7, 2021

The Policy Committee of Community High School District 99 met on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the Administrative Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

Present: Board Members Mike Davenport and Sherell Fuller. Also present were Henry Thiele, Superintendent; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Jeff Bergholtz, Director of Human Resources; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were no visitors.

The minutes of the March 5, 2021 and September 21, 2021 meetings were reviewed and approved.

I. The following policies had revisions recommended by PRESS in its Update Memo. Revisions were in response to legislation, new public acts, and feedback. The Committee endorsed accepting the changes recommended by PRESS to the following policies:

- 2.130, Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 2.240, Board Policy Development
- 5.10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment.
- 6.145, Migrant Students
- 6.160, English Learners – The District 99 committee is named the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee. The policy will reflect the name of the District 99 Committee.
- 6.235, Access to Electronic Networks – The Committee asked Administration to investigate how Guests, who use the District’s network, can be made aware of the information in this policy.
- 8.90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

The policies will be brought forward for First Reading in October 2021.

II. The following policies had revisions recommended by PRESS in its Update Memo. Revisions were in response to legislation, new public acts, and feedback. The Committee reviewed the current District 99 policies, which differed from the PRESS version. The consensus of the Committee was to adopt the PRESS version of the policy in its entirety.

- 2.10, School District Governance
- 6.255, Assemblies and Ceremonies – The Committee recommended retaining the District 99 policy and inserting the entire PRESS policy at the beginning of the existing District 99 policy.
- 6.260, Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

III. The following PRESS policies the District does not currently have. The Committee recommended adopting these policies.

- 1.30, School District Philosophy – The Committee recommended adding the District’s Mission and Belief Statements to the policy. The consensus of the Committee was to review the Mission and Belief Statements after completion of the Strategic Plan.
- 3.30, Chain of Command – The Committee requested the District post the Organizational Chart in a more prominent place on the District’s website.

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The Committee requested to review the other policies PRESS has that District 99 does not have.

IV. The following policy had revisions recommended by Administration:

- 8.30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property – Dr. Thiele stated these changes align with the recent changes made to Board policy 2.230, Public Participation at School Board Meetings.

The policy will be brought forward for First Reading in October 2021.

V. The following policy had revisions recommended by legal:

- 7.315, Restrictions on Publications: High Schools – Dr. Thiele stated these changes were recommended by legal to make the District’s policy less restrictive and to align with recent changes in legislation.

The policy will be brought forward for First Reading in October 2021.

VI. The Policy Committee reviewed the following Administrative Regulations at the request of Administration:

- 2.250 AR3, Board Review of Request for Information from the Public – Dr. Thiele explained this is a new Administrative Regulation designed to provide a pathway for the public to request information that is not obtainable through FOIA. He stated Administrative Regulations are not approved by the Board, but wanted input from the Policy Committee on the proposed Regulation before implementation by the Administration.

The consensus of the Policy Committee was for Administration to proceed with the Administrative Regulation.

- 5.20E, Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment – Dr. Thiele stated this was originally approved by the Board in May of 2018 and PRESS has made updates to the Resolution.

The consensus of the Committee was to bring the revised Resolution forward for First Reading in October 2021.

VII. Reception of Visitors – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VIII. The date of the next meeting has not been determined.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.