

The Policy Committee of Community High School District 99 met on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at the Administrative Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

Present: Board President Don Renner and Board Member Christopher Espinoza. Also present were Hank 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 February 22, 2023 meeting 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 reviewed the PRESS recommendations and discussed them with Administration.
 - 2.110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
 - 3.40, Superintendent
 - 4.45, Insufficient Funds Checks and Debt Recovery
 - 4.60, Purchases and Contracts
 - 4.100, Insurance Management
 - 5.30, Hiring Process and Criteria – In addition to the PRESS updates, the Administration recommended adding, at the conclusion of the first paragraph: *“The Superintendent is authorized to appoint employees pending Board approval at the next Board Business Meeting.”* The consensus of the Policy Committee was to accept the Administration’s recommendation.
 - 5.90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5.125, Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct – In addition to the PRESS revisions, the Administration recommended removing the last line of the Social Media section that provides examples of social media. The consensus of the Policy Committee was to accept the Administration’s recommendation.
 - 5.150, Personnel Records
 - 5.230, Maintaining Student Discipline
 - 5.260, Student Teachers
 - 6.135, Accelerated Placement Program
 - 6.230, Library Media Program – Dr. Thiele explained that students and parents use the Curriculum Objection process when they have concerns about curriculum materials and members of the community use the Uniform Grievance Procedure.
 - 7.275, Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
 - 7.305, Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

The policies will be brought forward for First Reading on September 18, 2023.

- II. The following policy had revisions recommended by Administration, in consultation with the District's attorneys. The consensus of the Policy Committee was to accept the Administration's recommendation

- 7.180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

The policy will be brought forward for First Reading on September 18, 2023.

- III. The following policies are to be reviewed annually – either at the request of the Policy Committee or for ISBE compliance. The Committee reviewed the first three policies and did not recommend making any revisions at this time.

- 6.236, Websites and Social Media
- 7.70, Attendance and Truancy
- 7.326, Parent and Community Fund Raising
- 8.20, Community Use of School Facilities – Dr. Thiele explained that Dr. McGuire, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources, is currently reviewing facility usage and the associated costs. He stated the Administration recommends the Board waits to review this policy, and the accompanying Administrative Regulations 8.20 AR1 and 8.20 AR2), until Dr. McGuire has completed his assessment. The Policy Committee agreed with the Administration's recommendation.

IV. Other

President Renner inquired about the enforcement of the new cell phone policy, that was put in place at the start of the school year. Dr. Thiele stated he recently met with representatives of the DGEA and there were no concerns expressed.

V. Reception of Visitors – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

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

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.