

September 20, 2017

The Policy Committee of Community High School District 99 met on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Administrative Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

There were three visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 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.
  - a. The Committee endorsed accepting the changes recommended by PRESS to the following policies. The policies will be brought forward for first reading in October 2017.
    - 2.210 Organizational School Board Meeting (A typographical error in 3. [offices→ officers] will also be corrected.)
    - 2.260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
    - 6.80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
    - 7.160 Student Appearance
    - 7.275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
    - 8.70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
  - b. The Committee endorsed accepting the changes recommended by PRESS, with the modification noted, to the following policy. The policy will be brought forward for first reading in October 2017.
    - 7.80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance – The Policy Committee recommends adding “or designee” at the start of the second paragraph following Superintendent.
  - c. The Policy Committee agreed to table the following policy until its next meeting.
    - 6.210 Instructional Materials – Dr. Thiele explained that Dr. Robert Lang, Director of Innovation in Teaching and Learning, is currently reviewing the policy and for changes that might be necessitated by the number of textbooks now offered in a digital format.

## II. Random Drug Testing Policy

Dr. Thiele stated the District does not have a Random Drug Testing Policy, and following a presentation at a Board meeting by the Student Assistance Coordinators, the Policy Committee was asked by the Board to do research on a Random Drug Testing Policy and provide a recommendation to the Board. Dr. Thiele shared PRESS policies and the PRESS Administrative Regulation that refers to random drug testing, noting the modifications that would need to be made to District policies if the Board were to adopt a Random Drug Testing Policy. Dr. Thiele provided the Committee with Drug Testing Policies from other school districts and the IHSA's Performance-Enhancing Substance Testing Policy.

The Policy Committee requested administration gather and present additional information at the next Policy Committee meeting on the opinions of Activity Directors, Athletic Directors and Assistant Principals for Counseling and Student Support Services; the number of students tested in other districts and the cost of implementing a random drug testing policy.

The Policy Committee stated at this time they are gathering information.

The date of the next meeting has not been determined.

### Reception of Visitors – Public Comment

The three visitors, Natalie White, Madison Venckus and Bella Cotterell, introduced themselves and shared they were all on *The Omega* staff.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

# Visitor Roster

Sept 20, 2017

Policy Committee

Bella Cotterell

Natalie White

Madison Vencovus