

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46
ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Board Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019

A policy committee of the Board of Education met at 4:15 p.m. in Room 140 of the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois. Board Members in attendance were John Devereux, Sue Kerr and Melissa Owens. Also in attendance were Miguel Rodriguez-Chief Legal Officer, Luis Rodriguez-Assistant Attorney, Steve Burger-Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Instruction and Equity, Josh Carpenter-Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, John Heiderscheidt-Director of School Safety and Culture, and Robin Lenart-Coordinator of Student Discipline and Educational Options.

1. Open Meeting and Introduction

Ms. Owens opened the meeting and everyone present stated their name and title.

2. Discussion of Board Policy Section 7 – Students

Mr. Luis Rodriguez proceeded to go through the proposed changes as follows:

7.010 - Equal Educational Opportunities. Removes outdated reference to the administrative handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.015 - Gender Equity Policy (Title IX). Removes outdated reference to the administrative handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.016 - Third Party Student Surveys, Questionnaires and Requests for Personal Information. Adds CEO as necessary and includes language to allow for the policy mandate to be disseminated more easily. Also adds language that ensures students are not penalized for not participating in said surveys. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.020 - Anti-Harassment Policy. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.031 - Assignment of Students to Schools. Adds CEO as necessary, and improves the language of the policy so that it is current with the law and existing administrative practices. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.039 – Residency. Adds CEO as necessary and removes outdated administrative handbook reference. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.042 - Participation in Extra Curricular Activities. Removes outdated administrative handbook reference. Ms. Owens stated there is a mechanism through IHSA that would allow a part-time student to participate in district extracurricular activities and asked if there is a way to allow this into the district's policy. Luis Rodriguez in response stated there are bylaws through IHSA that

govern this area. Students who are homeschooled would not be eligible due to the majority of these bylaws. Luis Rodriguez stated additional language would be added that allows for the result which will mirror the model language.

7.050 - School Admission. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.051 - Entrance Age. Cross references proposed new policy on Accelerated Placement Program (7.053). The Committee accepted these changes.

7.052 - Admission of Resident and Homeless Students. Adds CEO as necessary. Also correctly names the “McKinney-Vento” Act. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.053 - Accelerated Placement Program. New Policy recommendation puts the District in compliance with statutory requirements. The Committee accepted these changes.

Sue Kerr left the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Steve Burger joined the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

7.055 - Student Withdrawal From School and Re-Enrollment. Provides more specificity on the level of due process a student will receive when they are denied re-enrollment. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.058 - Student Absences and Excuses. Adds CEO as necessary and removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.060 - Truancy and Resources Available for Truants. Adopts the model policy language to ensure compliance with the Illinois School Code. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.063 - School Attendance Areas. Expands the categories of protections for students when considering a school’s attendance area. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.080 - Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.100 - Physical and Health Examinations of Students. Replaces “suspended” with “excluded” and adds 2 new sections required per recent legislative changes. Also adds CEO as necessary and includes language that allows the policy to comply with the law in the event of additional changes to the law prior to the Board being able to adopt new proposed policy language. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.134 - Student Government. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.137 - Student Volunteers. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.138 - Employment of Students. Adds “age appropriate” language. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.160 - Student Dress. Adds language tying this policy to the Student Code of Conduct, which already provides procedures to address such incidents. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.190 - Student Conduct. Adds CEO as necessary, broadens the scope of actions that fall under the scope of student discipline, and removes outdated language. The Committee requested the last three sentences of paragraph 8 to be reorganized to better the flow of the policy.

7.192 - Teen Dating and Violence. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.193 - Prevention and Response to Bullying. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.197 - Corporal Punishment. Clarifies that corporal punishment is prohibited by Board policy and law. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.199 - Student Searches and Seizure of Property. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.200 - Student Suspensions. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook and updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.210 - Student Expulsions. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook, replaces “meeting” with “hearing” and updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.211 - Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion of Special Education Students. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.230 - Behavior Intervention Plans for Students with Disabilities. Renames the policy to provide better clarity and cross references the Board’s other policies that address discipline for disabled students. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.221 - Student Acceptable Use of Technology. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.251 - Student Safety. Removes second paragraph, which is an illustrative/example paragraph and outdated. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.252 - Isolated Time Out and Physical Restraint. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.253 - First Aid. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.256 - Student Automobile/Motorcycle Use. Cross-references curriculum content regarding traffic and safety rules. (6.040 – Curriculum Content). Mr. Heiderscheidt requested language be revised to reflect “motor vehicles” to incorporate both automobiles and motorcycles. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.257 - Student Insurance Program. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.259 - Student Bicycle Use. Cross-references curriculum content regarding traffic and safety rules (6.040 – Curriculum Content). The Committee accepted these changes.

7.270 - Administering Medicines to Students. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook. Also adds language that ensures policy is in compliance with ongoing and frequent legal changes in the area. Ms. Owens requested information regarding “Ashley’s Law” be inserted into language. Mr. Luis Rodriguez stated he would rewrite the language to incorporate the requests and reference the necessary documents, for further consideration by the Board.

7.285 - Food Allergy Management Program. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.290 - Students, Concussion and Head Injuries. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.295 - Student Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention. Updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.300 - Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Programs. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.302 - Student Organizations. Adds language to allow for non-school sponsored student organizations, creates procedures for the administration to follow when working with student-led organizations in this capacity, and appropriately cross-references Board Policy 7.320 – Student Use of Facilities – Equal Access. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.305 - Student Activities and Contests. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook and updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.307 - Student Awards and Scholarships. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.308 - Academic Eligibility Standards. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.320 – Solicitations. Adds CEO as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.330 - Student Use of Facilities. Equal Access - Adds CEO as necessary, strikes superfluous language, and appropriately cross references Board Policy 7.302 - Student Organizations. The Committee accepted these changes.

7.340 - Student Records. Removes outdated reference to the Administrative Handbook and updates CEO/Superintendent/designee language as necessary. The Committee accepted these changes.

3. Public Participation
There was no public participation.

4. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM

Approved this 15th day April, 2019.

/s/ Donna Smith //
President

/s/ Miguel A. Rodriguez //
Secretary