

**Dist. 205 Board of Education Policy Committee**

**May 7, 2007**

**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Public: 2 Staff: 2 Press: 0**

**Observer: J. Dorner**

Mr. Thrall and Mr. Spaeth, Superintendent Krizic and Assistant Superintendents Tom McCann and Lisa Smith were present. Mr. Carlquist was absent.

**Policy #2450 – (New Policy) Credit for Alternative Courses**

- This policy was deferred until Dr. Krizic could synthesize the PRESS (Policy Reference Education Subscription Service received from the Illinois Association of School Boards) information into District 205's policy language and have the High School staff review it. Mr. Thrall asked that consideration for credit be given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who take High School level courses. Mr. Spaeth was concerned that the distance-learning component has some sort of supervision.

**Policy #2555 – (New Policy) School Wellness**

- The PRESS wording of the proposed policy was divided into:
  - Goals for Nutrition Education
  - Goals for Physical Activity
  - Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available in School During the School Day
  - Guidelines for Reimbursable School Meals
  - Monitoring
  - Community Input

with brief general statements under each heading. The draft District 205 policy was much more specific and included an additional 4 pages of attachments. Both Mr. Thrall and Mr. Spaeth were more comfortable with the PRESS policy. Dr. Krizic stated that she would use this and expand the monitoring section to include a Wellness Council. The draft policy written by the wellness committee will be used as procedures.

**Policy #3170 – (Reviewed Policy) Food Service**

- This policy was updated to include 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the new wellness policy, and the mandates in the Illinois State Board of Education's School Food Service rule and the federal rules governing the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act.

**Policy #5310 – (Reviewed Policy) Attendance and Truancy**

- Policy # 5310 Excused Absences
- Policy #5310-1 Valid Causes
- Policy #5310-3 Notification of Absences
- Policy #5315 Unexcused Absences
- Policy #5320 Truancy

Have all been combined as #5310 Attendance and Truancy. Most of this policy is consistent with the old policies. Policy #5310-2 Family Vacations, remains the same, but will be re-numbered as #5311.

**Other Policy Issue:**

- Dr. Krizic explained that there is a York Lacrosse Club that has meets scheduled by the Illinois Lacrosse Club, since lacrosse is not sanctioned by the IHSA (Illinois High School Association). In order for this game to be sanctioned by the IHSA, 10% of Illinois' School Districts must complete an emerging sport petition. This would number 77 school districts and would probably take 2

years to reach that level. York has not signed this petition because of concern that participants and parents would construe this as commitment to the sport. The Illinois Lacrosse Club will only schedule meets if the school has signed an emerging sport petition. Mr. Thrall said that he felt that signing the petition does not commit the school to anything. Mr. Spaeth said that he thought signing it might imply a commitment. It was decided that this issue would be brought before the entire Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

It is hoped that there will be another policy committee meeting before the end of school.