

Dist. 205 Board of Education Policy Committee

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7:00 pm – 9:34 pm

Public: 0 Staff: 4 Press: 0

Observer: J. Dorner

Board Members Mr. Thrall and Mr. Carlquist were present. Mrs. Ostojic was absent. Superintendent Krizic, Assistant Superintendents Pat Masterton and Lisa Smith were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. A representative from the IASB was in attendance as well.

Public Comment: none

IASB Policy Services: For \$8400, the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) would organize District 205's current Policy Book in accordance with the IASB's example. Cross-referencing is not included. A large time commitment would be expected of the Board. The rep said that she prefers to meet and hold "editing sessions" with the entire Board. The initial meeting, called a questionnaire, would take 2 to 2 1/2 hours. There would be 3 editing sessions of 2 to 2 1/2 hours each. There is the possibility of a 4th editing session. Policies would be identified as required, recommended, and best practices. After the editing sessions, the IASB would email a "final draft." The Board would choose to accept it as presented or amend it. One hard copy manual and a disk will be received as well as 6 months of PRESS PLUS free. This will be recommended to the Board at the September business meeting.

Policy Review Discussion:

Legal Requirements –

- Student Activity Funds- Revised Policy #3175-5 changes activity fund to remove "convenience accounts" as an acceptable type of student activity account per Illinois State Board of Education rules. This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.
- Elections – Revision of Policy #1115-2 removes the local canvassing boards (which were abolished by school code in 2006) and establishes the "election authority" as the appropriate canvasser. Also states the times for school board elections. This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.

District Initiatives/Issues

- Board Member Code of Conduct – Revised Policy #1110 "School Board Member Ethics" to the Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) code of conduct for school board members. This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.
- Board Member Conflict of Interests – New Policy #1115-5.2 specifically establishes all conflict of interest as identified in state law. This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.
- Ethics and Gift Ban- Policy #1115-5.1 The word "ethics" in this title and policy relates solely to banning the acceptance of gifts by Board members from a prohibited source. The policy does eliminate the Superintendent appointed 3-person ethics committee in favor of an "ethics advisor" who should have more information/familiarity with state statutes (e.g. the District's legal counsel). This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.
- Nepotism – New Policy #4110-11 states that there will be no hiring of family members. This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.
- Admission/Enrollment – Revisions to Policy #5205-2.1 increases the possibility of residency checks throughout the enrollment of a student. "In case of doubt with regard to residency, the District may require verification of residency as a means of validating compliance with the proof of residence requirements." This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.

Collective Bargaining References

- Vacancies and Postings – Policy #4110-1 was revised to include the District’s website as a site for posting of jobs and to allow for the web site postings of all the collective bargaining agreements. This policy will be brought to the whole Board for a first reading.