

Glenbrook District 225
Policy Committee Minutes – December 7, 2009

Members Present: Boron, Caliendo, Pryma, Riggle, Siena, Wegley, Williamson, Wolfson

Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m.

Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS)

Dr. Riggle discussed the need for establishing a calendar that would lead to a systematic review and discussion of board policies. Recent legislative and court actions are numerous, making our policies difficult to manage. He then introduced to the committee materials from the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) that is maintained and available through the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). The district has a subscription to PRESS that comes quarterly that allows access to all current example policies provided by the IASB for school districts.

Dr. Riggle further explained that the IASB has additional services to work with the board and superintendent to review current policies and produce an up-to-date policy manual for the district. The district could then subscribe to a higher level of service called PRESS Plus that would provide written policy updates based on legislative and court actions for board consideration.

The committee was positive regarding the need for a calendar and a systematic approach. Mr. Boron expressed concern over the PRESS service's ability to meet the individual needs and nuances of our district and asked for a comparison with our current method that utilizes the Sraga Hauser law firm for policy development and review. Dr. Riggle said he would investigate further and bring a more detailed comparison back to the committee in proposal form after winter break.

Policy # 3020: Administrative Personnel

It was noted by Dr. Riggle to the policy committee that Policy #3020 would need further review and revision, but no discussion of the policy content took place.

Policy #7300: Graduation Requirements

The committee took a preliminary look at Policy #7300 and the recommended omissions to the physical education waiver portion of the policy by Dr. Riggle. He explained that the policy was adopted in July 2006 by the board, but the school code changed shortly thereafter, reducing the ability of the school principal to grant a waiver of physical education credit except for reasons of graduation or college admission. Both schools are following school code, but the board policy must be revised. The policy will be further revised and brought to the board for review in January.

Policy 7090: Earning Credit Toward Meeting the Glenbrook High School Graduation Requirements

The committee reviewed small preliminary changes to Policy #7090. With further administrative review, the policy will be brought to the board for review in January.

Policy #7310: Graduation Ceremonies

The committee discussed Board Policy #7310. It was recommended that the policy be changed to incorporate the official school calendar adopted by the board instead of the current language of June and January for graduation ceremonies. With further revision and administrative review, the policy will be brought to the board for review in January.

Future Meeting

No future meeting date was established.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.