

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64
Board of Education Policy Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Alternate Remote Attendance at:
Hendee Educational Service Center
164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

Minutes of the Meeting
January 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

Committee members in attendance via video conference:

Dr. Eric Olson, Superintendent – attending from Hendee Education Service Center
Rebecca Little, Board Member
Carol Sales, Board Secretary

The Board Policy Committee meeting began via Zoom remote participation at 2:00 p.m. No members of the public attended remotely or in-person. The committee reviewed and discussed the policies from PRESS 106 and additional policies as listed below.

Review of Draft Policies from PRESS 106

Dr. Olson noted that the policies had been reviewed by the District's policy committee prior to this meeting, and no changes had been made to the policies; certain policies strictly pertaining to high schools would not be included or adopted by the District. The Board policy committee reviewed each policy, noting that most of the revisions pertained to the footnotes. No changes were made to any of the policies listed below:

3:40 *Superintendent*
4:10 *Fiscal and Business*
4:55 *Use of Credit and Procurement Cards*
4:80 *Accounting and Audits*
4:90 *Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds*
4:150 *Facility Management and Building Programs*
4:175 *Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications*
5:30 *Hiring Process and Criteria*
5:190 *Teacher Qualifications*
5:270 *Employment-At-Will, Compensation and Assignment*
6:15 *School Accountability*
6:20 *School Year Calendar and Day*
6:40 *Curriculum Development*
6:280 *Grading and Promotion*
6:315 *High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8 (new to the District)*
6:320 *High School Credit for Proficiency*
6:340 *Student Testing and Assessment Program*
7:100 *Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students*
7:140 *Search and Seizure*
7:300 *Extracurricular Athletics*
7:325 *Student Fundraising Activities*

The high school-related policies not applicable to the District are noted below:

6:300 *Graduation Requirements*

6:310 *High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students*

The policies will be reviewed by the Board at their next regular meeting on January 8, and subsequently brought back for a second reading and adoption at the February 11 regular meeting.

Review of Policy 2:140 *Communications To and From the Board*

Committee member Carol Sales noted that she had not received any comments or suggested changes from any of the Board members. The committee briefly discussed whether to consider any changes or revisions to the policy or wait until May when new Board members are seated. The policy was tabled for later reconsideration.

Review of Policy 4:60 *Purchases & Contracts*

The committee continued their discussion of this policy and whether changes were needed or possible. Some Board members had requested a review of the policy to seek a more stringent bidding process for all purchases, including technological ones. The committee noted that one way would be to achieve this would be to reduce the \$25,000 threshold currently in the policy, beyond which a bidding process is required. It was noted that other districts operate in a manner similar to District 64 and follow PRESS recommendations. The discussion would be brought to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Review of Policy 4:180 *Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery*

This policy already went through a vote, any request for a new motion would have to be brought to the Board by a member in the majority group of the votes. Dr. Olson noted that the policy was on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting as a discussion.

New Business

Two policies were briefly discussed:

2:160 *Board Attorney*

2:170 *School Architect, Engineers, & Land Surveyors*

Committee member Sales noted that these policies were related to the procurement policy 4:60 and should also be reviewed. The Board should consider a review of its current Board attorney when the time would be appropriate. The Board should also consider a review of its current architect. Dr. Olson also noted that the new Chief School Business Official the District will hire in anticipation of Mrs. Kolstad's retirement in June should have input into any decision to hire a new architectural firm.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.