

**THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST
SCHOOL DISTRICT 67
MINUTES**

Title: Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, September 4, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

Participants: Jeff Folker, Committee Chair, Suzanne Sands, Board Member, Kent Novit, Board Member,

Administration Present: Michael Simeck, Lori Wilcox, Barry Rodgers, Susan Milsk, Jennifer Hermes, Allen Albus,

Staff Present: Eileen Faller

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Novit moved seconded by Mrs. Sands that the minutes be approved.

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the recommendations from the August 26th meeting regarding policies 4:55 & 4:60, address PRESS Issue 89, discuss the adoption of a new Policy 4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check or Screens; Notifications, continue discussions regarding the Board's role in approving curriculum; and updating several policies to incorporate the District's new Mission, Vision and Core Values.

Mr. Albus presented his recommended changes to Policies 4:55 and 4:60 and the Committee agreed to present them as recommended to the Board for a 1st reading at the September Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Albus and Ms. Hermes presented a proposed new policy, Policy 4:175, which addresses how the District should deal with convicted child sex offenders on school property, criminal background checks/screens on anyone with direct, daily contact with students, and notification of parents about such issues. While new, this policy is essentially taking the section of current Policy 4:170 (Safety) which deals with "Convicted Child Sex Offender and Notification Law", and providing more depth and specificity. It also adds a new section about Criminal Background Checks and Screening.

The Committee reviewed PRESS Issues 89. The committee's recommendations on the various suggested policy additions and edits, will be presented for a first reading at the September Board of Education Meeting.

The Committee then spent time reviewing and discussing Policies 2:20, Powers & Duties of the Board, and 6:40, Curriculum Development with the intent of better clarifying the role of the Board relative to approving curriculum. This is especially relevant in light of the discussion and questions surrounding the new Connected Math materials that were brought before the Board back in June. The Committee decided that Policy 2:20 should remain unchanged and that any further clarification of the Board's role should be embedded in Policy 6:40. Mr. Rodgers and Ms. Milsk agreed to clarify the "depth" of the Board's involvement in curriculum decisions and present their recommendations at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Lastly, the Committee discussed proposed changes to Policy 1:30, School District Philosophy, and Policy 6:10, Educational Philosophy & Objectives. Both policies need to be updated to reflect the District's new Mission, Vision & Core Values. Mrs. Sands agreed to re-write these policies and other policies that may be affected and present her recommendations at the next Policy Committee meeting.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Sands moved, seconded by Mr. Novit that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.