



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #87

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES GLENBARD DISTRICT 87 ADMIN. CENTER Monday, July 19, 2021

The Policy Committee held its monthly meeting at the District Office on Monday, June 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

In attendance:

Cindy Christensen, Committee Member
Kermit Eby, Board Member
Richard Mazzolini, Committee Member
Martha Mueller, Board Member
Mireya Vera, Board Member
Josh Chambers, Assistant Superintendent
for Human Resources

Melissa Creech, Executive Director for
Teaching and Learning, Innovation and
Instruction
Diana Flint, Recording Secretary

Mueller and Vera teleconferenced in by phone.

Absent: David Hennessey, GEA Representative (non-voting member)

Quorum requirements were met and the meeting was able to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Policy Committee meeting for June 14, 2021 were reviewed. Chambers advised that there was a concern received this morning regarding the minutes, but he did not have a chance to follow-up. He then provided a point of clarity regarding minute requirements under the Open Meetings Act statute. Minutes must include the date, time and place of the meeting, the members of the public body that were present or absent, and whether the members were physically present or present by means of video or audio conference. The minutes must also include a summary of discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated, or decided, and a record of the votes taken. Chambers stated the committee can choose to approve the meeting minutes if, in the committee's opinion, the minutes meet these standards and accurately reflect the meeting. If the committee does not concur, they can amend the minutes or ask that they be brought back to the next meeting. If there is a need to amend them after he meets with the individual who made the complaint, they can be revisited by the committee.

Action: Motion made to accept minutes as presented - Eby, seconded - Mazzolini, and carried (all ayes).

Public Participation

Four individuals requested to speak before the committee.

Grace Daigel of Glen Ellyn stated she contacted the district after she received the agenda packet. She advised there were inaccuracies with the minutes on page four out of five. She noted the comments on Administrative Procedure 6:50-AP5 *Course Syllabus* are misstated. She provided a summary of what was being asked and her recollection of two committee members discussion on the topic. Daigel then stated that the sentence regarding her expressed concern for 6:90 *Teaching About Medical Topics* was also in error. She communicated her frustration with policy 2:240 *Board Policy Development* and noted she would withdraw the suggestion for a 2:240-AP1 if the district would go with the policy as written in PRESS.

Linda Samuta of Glen Ellyn strongly encouraged the committee to pass the course syllabus proposal stating it would help parents. She also encouraged the 2:240 policy recommendations by Daigel.

Marty Boyd of Glen Ellyn stated she supported having a course syllabus as a guide. She questioned whether Policy 2:240, as written by the attorney, was more detailed like an administrative procedure and suggested that the one written by Daigel be the policy.

Cedra Crenshaw of Wheaton offered her support of the course syllabus recommendation as to err on the side of caution for transparency. She went on to detail the items that could be included in the syllabus noting that it should be clearly spelled out to parents so they have the ability for the student to opt out of a potential controversial topic.

Items for Discussion

Chambers advised that given time constraints, the committee should skip down to Item 3 on the agenda, Administrative 6:50-AP5 *Course Syllabus*. He provided a brief synopsis of the last meeting ending with as to whether the guideline on this topic should be in policy or a handbook. Teaching and Learning Department had already advised that the syllabi are going to be a part of what each course team has to produce. He then asked Daigel to come forward in case the committee had any questions they would like to address to her. Discussion took place on one committee members online search for a similar policy -- noting that one could not find one, but they were able to locate a course syllabus in other school districts' enrollment handbooks. Some were like District 87's handbook, but some were more informational. None had all the materials noted or provided flexibility to add in materials from current events. It was suggested that input from administration on the time commitment to create, priorities needed, and the potential of completing all the items stipulated be

obtained. Chambers noted he also had done a cursory search as well with no success. Daigel suggested the committee reached out to the IASB PRESS Office of General Counsel.

Chambers noted that in order to allow the Board meeting to begin on time, there needed to be a motion to adjourn. In doing so, the agenda items would be continued to the next Policy Committee meeting.

Action: Motion made to adjourn the meeting - Mazzolini, seconded - Eby, and carried (all ayes).

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Policy Committee Chairman (or designee)