

**Oak Park and River Forest High School
201 N. Scoville Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302**

**Policy, Evaluation and Goals (PEG) Committee
Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Board Room**

A Policy, Evaluation and Goals Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 in the Board Room. Co-chair Finnegan opened the meeting at 6:44 p.m. A roll call included the following members: Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Terry Finnegan, Sharon Patchak-Layman, and John Phelan. Also present were Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal, Lauren M. Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors: Laurel DiPrima, Director of IASB Field Services and Brian Zumpf, Policy Consultant, with the Illinois Association of School Boards.

The Board of Education continued its discussion of the Policy Book, Section 7, which deals with student rights, and responsibility, and is controlled by state law.

Policy	District Policy	Comments
7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities	101 and 5110	<p>IASB noted that policies from the Board’s Policy Manual, section 100, should be recommended by the District’s attorney. The administration recommended keeping paragraph 3 in Policy 101, Human Dignity. IASB noted that the list of protected categories in Policy 101 is no longer comprehensive. IASB noted that Para 3 listed only race and economic predictability and not others.</p> <p>A suggestion was to add the word “income” after “without regard” in Line 1 in Policy 7:10, but IASB cautioned that it might create a legal obligation that does not exist and it would not prohibit the District from creating educational opportunities. This suggestion was not supported.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact attorney about the use of the words “inclusive education” as the intent was unclear and could be subject to interpretation. The words “inclusive education” is not a reference to just special education. 2. Contact attorney about listing only “racial and economic” in Para 3, line 5 and 6 of Policy 101. 3. Contact attorney re: the protected classes listed in Para 2 of Policy 101 versus the statute. <p>Consideration: For historical purposes, add a mission statement at the beginning of the policy book reflective of Policy 101 and cross-reference it to 7:10.</p>
7:15 Student and Family	1150	The Board of Education accepted the policy as presented by the

Privacy Rights		IASB. This information
7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited	101 5110 5310	Amendments to the PRESS policy were: 1. Add “Student Intervention Director” after the word Dean of Students,” on page 1, under "Making a Complaint; Enforcement" in Paras. 1 & 2.
7:30 Student Assignment	None	The Board of Education accepted the policy as presented by the IASB.
7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home schooled Students	5119	Amendments to the PRESS policy were: 1. Remove sentences related to transportation under Part-Time Attendance as that is not relevant. 2. Under Extracurricular, Line 4, after the word “lunch” add “or as indicated by a student’s IEP.” 3. Follow IASB recommendation and remove from part time attendance for 5119 in the cross reference sheet. 4. Add information regarding the appeal process from the old Policy under “Assignment When Enrolling Full-time in a District School.” 5. Add appeal language that reflects that after an appeal is made to the Principal, an appeal can be made to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. It was noted that co-curricular activities are two separate entities under the law. Co-curricular has to do with activities related to the classroom. Extracurricular activities are activities outside of the classroom. This will be noted in future information at the high school. A clarification was made as to the request for part-time attendance is to be made before May 1, caveat, consult school attorney if request received after this deadline. This deadline is for current enrollees. If a student moves into the district moves into the District after that time, the student is accommodated. It is at the board’s discretion to set the current deadline of May 1.
7:50 School Admissions	5117 5117A	Amendments to the PRESS policy were: 1. Include III. I. and III. J. from Policy 5117, relative to the number of foreign exchange students permitted and the ability to further limit that number and/or prohibit tuition paying students. 2. Replace the words “foreign exchange” with “privately sponsored foreign students.” 3. Add language from 2nd paragraph regarding good standing form and affidavit from Policy 5117A. If a student transfers from any private or non-Illinois school, the parent will submit a letter stating there are no outstanding discipline issues. This will strengthen the school’s defense in trying to keep students safe.
7:60 Residence	5117	Amendments to the PRESS policy were: 1. Include III. C, D, F, and the sentence in III. G. “However, a special education student may be subject to disenrollment

		<p>upon becoming a non-resident in accordance with The School Code of Illinois.” from Policy 5117 under Residence.</p> <p>The administrators will review the procedures based on the policy next year and those will be public documents. IASB reported that procedures are often in the form of the Student Handbook, etc.</p> <p>The IASB will provide more information relative to the origin of the words “signed statement,” as School Code states that a parent must “demonstrate,” and the criteria used to determine legal custody.</p>
7:70 Attendance and Truancy	5120	<p>The administration questioned how a student would prove that his/her job was necessary. Is it the law? The definition of “necessary and lawfully” is old and there are inconsistencies of the demands between the requirement for students to be in school and the Child Labor laws. If the State of Illinois has issued a work permit for a child between the ages of 14 and 16, the state has determined it is necessary.</p> <p>The Board of Education accepted the policy as presented by the IASB.</p>
7:80 Release time for religious	1230	<p>Amendment to the PRESS policy were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporate last paragraph of Policy 1230. 2. The principal will develop the procedures.
7:90 Release During School Hours	None	The Board of Education accepted the policy as presented by the IASB.
7:100 Health and Eye Exams	5141	The Board of Education accepted the policy as presented by the IASB.
7:130 Student Rights and responsibilities	5110 5111	<p>Amendments to the PRESS policy were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delete sentence 2. The Board of Education felt that the first sentence reflected all of student rights and that the individual rights need not be listed.
7:140 Search and Seizer	5150 5151	<p>Amendments to the PRESS policy were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Include Policy 5150 in procedural manual and delete Policy 5151. 2. The District’s attorney must determine what is considered school property with regard to vehicles parked on school property and electronic devices. Should it be useful to provide that the District has this ability but indicate that this be used judiciously in the administrative procedures. <p>A question was raised about school’s being able to search a student. Presently, a female will search a female and a male search male. Parents are informed of this situation.</p>
7:150 Agency and Police Interviews	5155	<p>Amendments to the PRESS policy were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add first two paragraphs from Policy 5155 as this is an introduction piece at beginning of IASB Policy 7:1 50 2. Procedures will be developed by the Superintendent.

		Policy 5155 will be included in the procedural manual.
7:160 Student Appearance	5134	Amendments to the PRESS policy were: 1. Incorporate Policy 5134, but remove “morps and formal dances”
7:170 Vandalism	None	The Board of Education accepted the policy as presented by the IASB.

Adjournment

At 9:17 p.m., Dr. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Fisher. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Terry Finnegan
President

Amy McCormack
Secretary