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TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education

FROM: Sheryl Marinier, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Policy Committee Update

DATE: January 26, 2021

The policy committee (Gavin Kearney, Katherine Liebl, Dr. Kelley and Sheryl Marinier) met on Friday, January 15, 2021.

The committee talked with Felicia Starks Turner about the need to update the district's website related to early registration. It was agreed that the website should be updated with any deadlines related to early registration process and link parents to Policy 7:50.

The Policy committee reviewed PRESS update 106 and recommends that the Board support the following changes.

Policy 3:40 (Superintendent)

The legal reference and footnotes are updated in response to the repeal of 23 Ill. Admin. Code 29.130 (cleanup changes to superintendent endorsement requirements, which were moved to 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.355), other continuous improvements are also made to the footnotes.

Policy 4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

The policy, cross references, and footnotes are updated for the reason discussed in 4:90, Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds, below.

Policy 4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds)

Renamed. The policy, legal references, cross references, and footnotes are updated to incorporate 23 Ill. Admin. Code 100.20, 100.80 and 100.85 (establishing fiduciary funds as a category of funds separate from student activity funds, for which a district has custodial responsibilities).

Policy 5:270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment)

The cross reference and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day)

The legal references, cross references, and footnotes are updated in response to the following pandemic preparedness legislation. 10 ILCS 52B-10 and 105 ILCS 5/24-2, amended by P.A. 101-642 (2020 General Election Day); 105 ILCS 510-19, amended by P.A. 101-643 (actual pupil attendance may include remote learning days, blended remote learning days, and up to five remote and blended remote learning planning days); 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05, amended by P.A. 101-643 (minimum clock-hour requirements to align with the circumstances of public health emergency declarations); 105 ILCS 5/10-20-56, amended by P.A. 101-643 (e-learning); and 105 ILCS 5/10-30, added by P.A. 101-643 (see the reason in number two, above).

Policy 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grades 7 and 8)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to five-year review.

Policy 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program)

The policy and footnotes are updated. The policy is updated to incorporate continuous improvement changes suggested by the PRESS Advisory Board. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, amended by P.A. 101-643 (State assessments not required when waived by U.S. Department of Education) and other continuous improvement changes.

Policy 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students)

The policy and footnotes are updated for continuous improvement and in response to 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1, amended by P.A. 101-643, prohibiting a school from withholding a child's report card during a school year when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency.

Policy 7:140 (Search and Seizure)

The policy is unchanged. The legal references and footnotes are updated in response to a fine-year review, including optional policy language for high school and unit districts is added to footnote 7.

Policy 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

The policy, footnotes, and cross references are updated in response to a fine-year review. The policy committee sent this policy to legal for review, and is waiting response. The committee requested clarity on the definition of "academic criteria" as interest was express in the ability to include all students in extracurricular athletics regardless of their academic grades.

The following policies were reviewed by PRESS and only contain changes to the footnotes.

Policy 4:10 (Fiscal and Business Management)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/17-2A, amended by P.A. 101-643 (one-year extension of authority to permanently transfer money from specified funds for any purpose through June 30, 2021); and continuous improvement and minor style updates.

Policy 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards)

The policy is unchanged. The cross references are updated to reflect the title change for 4:90, *Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds*, which I changed for the reason discussed in 4:90, *Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds*, below.

Policy 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/17-2,11(j), amended by P.A. 101-643 (extension of authority to transfer excess life safety funds to the Operations and Maintenance Fund for building repair work in June 20, 2021); the activation of the Ill. Dept. of Labor's online portal for contractors to submit certified payroll and other employment records, alleviating district record-keeping, responsibilities, as authorized by 820 ILCS 130/4(3), amended by P.A. 100-1177, and continuous improvement update to optional policy language contained in footnote 7 (building naming criteria).

Policy 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offenders; Screening; Notifications)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 510-21.9, amended by P.A. 101-643, requiring the superintendent, regional office of education, or an entity providing fingerprint-based criminal history records checks to notify the ISBE Superintendent within 10 days when a check returns a pending charge of a crime set forth in 1105 ILCS 5/21B-80. Footnote 8 is updated for continuous improvement.

Policy 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, amended by P.A. 101-643, for the reason discussed in 4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications, above, and for continuous improvement.

Policy 6:15 (School Accountability)

The policy is unchanged, the footnotes are updated I response to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a5(c), amended by P.A. 101-643, which does not require annual State assessments if ISBE receives a waiver from the administration of assessments from the U.S. Department of Education.

Policy 6:40 (Curriculum Development)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 510-20.56, amended by P.A. 101-643 (experimental educational programs may include e-learning days as allowed under 105 ILCS 510-20.56); Title IX's application to transgender of gender non-conforming students; and continuous improvement updates.

Policy 6:280 (Grading and Promotion)

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 52-3,64a-5(e), amended by P.A. 101-643 (State assessments, not required when waived by U.S. Department of Education).

PRESS update 106 also includes many changes to exhibits and procedures. These items are being reviewed by administration and will be updated accordingly.