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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Constance Collins, Superintendent**

FROM: Chris Jasculca

RE: First Reading of Policies

DATE: February 23, 2010

The District 97 Policy Committee (Rance Clouser, Jim Gates and Chris Jasculca) is presenting the following three policies to the Board of Education for a first reading this evening.

- Policy 5601 (Serious Misconduct)
- Policy 8310 (Public Records)
- Draft policy regarding showing movies, videos and television programming in school

Policy 5601 has been revised, per the recommendation of Board Member Spatz, to include language about harassment based upon an individual's sexual orientation.

Policy 8310 has been revised to reflect the changes to Illinois' Freedom of Information Act, which took effect on January 1, 2010. There was also a sentence added about Board members returning copies of audio recordings from open session meetings to the Board Secretary. The process for handling verbatim recordings of closed session meetings, which are not available to members of the public unless they are given written consent for access by the Board, is addressed in Board bylaw 0168.2.

The revisions to policies 5601 and 8310, which are existing district policies printed in a standard District 97 format, are in bold text.

The creation of a draft policy regarding showing movies, videos and television programming in school was undertaken based upon direction given by the Board during its response to public comment at the meeting on December 15, 2009. The draft was generated using sample policies/templates from other districts throughout the country.

All of these policies have been made available for review by the general public via the Policies/Publications page (<http://www.op97.k12.il.us/boe/policies.html>) on the district's Web site.

After tonight's first reading, the policies will be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval on March 9, 2010.

Attachments:

- Policy 5601 – Serious Misconduct
- Policy 8310 – Public Records
- Policy regarding showing movies, videos and television programming in school
- Bylaw 0168.2 – Verbatim Record of Closed Meeting

