

**GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 304
227 NORTH FOURTH STREET, GENEVA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012, at Coultrap, 1113 Peyton, Geneva, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Committee Chair Stith.
Committee members present: Mike McCormick, Mary Stith. Absent: Matt Henry.

Administrators present: Patty O'Neil, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction;
Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 12, 2012 Meeting

The minutes were tabled until the next Committee meeting when a quorum would be present.

4. DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Committee reviewed policies from the 2000 series for possible editing/substantive changes.

4.1 Policy Series 2000, Program, Policy Updates

Committee members wanted all changes from the 2000 series to come back to the Committee prior to going to the Board for a first reading.

2105, Mission of the District: This should be reviewed/discussed at a Board retreat in the future. Edits okay with Committee.

2110, Statement of Philosophy: Clean-up edits okay.

2120, School Improvement: Added language okay as recommended by Committee. Add "or designee" wherever Superintendent is used.

2210, Curriculum Development: Okay as revised. Add "or designee" wherever Superintendent is used.

2220, Adoption of Courses of Study: Okay as revised. It was requested that cost also be included as it is stipulated in Policies 2231. Add "financial" resources to Section E.

2230, Course Frameworks: Edits okay. It was requested that language be included regarding posting "frameworks" online. O'Neil will bring the revisions back to the Committee.

2231, Class Size: Bring back to Committee with suggested edits.

2240, Controversial Issues: Language clean-up edits okay.

2250, Innovative Programs: Edits okay. Add "or designee" to Superintendent.

2260, Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity: Make wording consistent; add "or designee". Bring back to Committee.

2261, Title I Services: Based on law - keep as is.

2261.01, Parent Participation in Title I Programs: Based on law - keep as is.

2261.02, Title I Parents' Right to Know: Based on law - keep as is.

2270, Religion in the Curriculum and 2270.01, School Prayer: New NEOLA language added. Bring back to Committee with 2270.01. Members requested input from Henry on this.

2330, Homework: Section D, add "individual". Is there an administrative guideline for when parents are told about what homework level there would be for their children. (Teachers are to do this.) Emphasize communication with parents; perhaps in guidelines or handbooks. The Board could possibly discuss the debate on homework in the future. Bring this back to Committee.

2340, Field and Other District-sponsored Trips: Discussed fiscal feasibility. Bring back to Committee.

2370, Educational Options: No Changes

2410, Social and Emotional Development of Students: Add reference to the Illinois Social Emotional Learning Standards.

2411, Guidance & Counseling: Add vocational, change title and bring back to Committee. This would be a policy to discuss with full Board; perhaps most effectively at a retreat.

2412, Home Hospital Services General Education Students: Okay as is.

2412.01, Home Hospital Services Disabled Students: Okay as is

2413.01, Physical Education Exemption: Okay as is.

2416, Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information: Okay as is; however, changes in the law could require future edits.

2430, District-Sponsored Activities and Clubs: This isn't really extracurricular. Perhaps it is okay as is, but have concerns about National Honor Society as a reference. O'Neil is to review and bring any changes back to the Committee.

2451.01, Cooperation with Other Districts for Instruction: Okay as is.

2460, Education of Children with Disabilities. Okay as is.

2464, Program for Academically Talented Students: Edits okay. The Board should work on clarifying the philosophy on these and focus on all students. The Board needs to have a philosophical discussion; i.e., is this most appropriate spelled out in policy or should parts of it be in the AG's? Feel this is awkwardly worded; seems almost apologetic and it should not be. We need to emphasize that we work for the success of all students. O'Neil will rewrite and bring back to Committee.

2510, Adoption of Textbooks: Okay as is.

2521, Selection of Instructional Materials and Equipment: Okay as is.

2531, Copyrighted Works: Okay as is.

2623, Student Assessment: Okay as is.

2700, School Report Card: Okay as is.

Motion by McCormick, second by Stith, to move Policies 2510, 2521, 2531, and others cited as okay, on to the full board for first and second reading and approval. Ayes, two (2). Nays, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Policy Series 2000, Program, Policies Needing Further Administrative Review

2431, Interscholastic Athletics, Needs further administrative review

2432, Driver Education, Needs further administrative review

It was recommended that the policies in 4.2 be reviewed with high school staff and brought back to the Committee.

5. OUTSTANDING POLICY CLEANUP & REVIEW

5.1 Review Policy Series 3000-Professional Staff

<http://www.neola.com/genevacusd-il/search/policies/po3000.htm>

The 3000 Policy series will be discussed at a future meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:51 p.m., motion by McCormick, second by Stith, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

(Date)

(Mary Stith)

COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON

RECORDING
SECRETARY

(Dr. Kent Mutchler)