



Oswego Community Unit School District 308
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Policy & Legislative Committee
District Administration Center, 4175 Route 71, Oswego, IL 60543
Door 2 – Room 61
Monday, January 31, 2022
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board of Education Member and Committee Co-Chair Alison Swanson

Members in Attendance: Kirsten Coulman, Margaret Darnell, Scott DeMatteis, Craig Gunty, Christopher Heckert, Michael Lamonica, Dr. Patti Marcinko, Christina Massat, Ken Miller, Donna Sawicki, Megan Tommer, Robyn Vickers

Board Member and Co-Chairs: Jennifer Johnson and Alison Swanson

Administrators: Valerie Patterson, Executive Director of Student Services

Recording Secretary: Ursula Studer

Guests in Attendance: Maureen Lemon – Board Attorney

Members Absent: Anne Elwood

2. Motion was made by Jennifer Johnson, second by Craig Gunty, to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2022; all in favor
3. PRESS Issue 108 – The committee members received the electronic version of the latest PRESS issue.

4. Policy Updates

The committee discussed Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content first, since this received input from our Equity Committee.

- a. **6:60** Curriculum Content



- i. The committee discussed the suggested changes from the Equity Committee and agreed to make the following in addition to the suggested PRESS changes. Ms. Patterson reminded the committee members that policies can be brought back at any time for additional review.
 - ii. Latinx will be added to #17 with Hispanics instead of #21 as the Equity Committee suggested.
 - iii. Mr. Miller shared that “American Patriotism” in #8 should not be removed since it’s part of School Code. The committee decided to follow PRESS recommendation.
 - iv. Ms. Lemon suggested that under #21 “colonialism” can be added, but should be in parenthesis with “e.g.” rather than “i.e”.
 - v. #4 - The Committee decided to use the suggestion from the Equity Committee, but to replace the word “must” with “may”. This language can’t be changed until we understand the curriculum implications this would have.
 - vi. #13 - Mrs. Swanson asked to clarify with Teaching & Learning where Computer Literacy is taught in grades 9-12.
 - vii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Craig Gunty, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor.
- b. **2:120** Board Member Development
- i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Craig Gunty, to accept changes as noted and discussed; 13-1
- c. **2:220** School Board Meeting Procedure
- i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Robyn Vickers, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor.
- d. **3:40** Superintendent
- i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Kirsten Coulman, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor.
- e. **4:60** Purchases and Contracts
- i. Mrs. Swanson requested that the limit of disposal of assets that requires Board approval be changed to \$20,000 instead of \$25,000. Mr. Miller stated that this was part of a different Policy (4:65). The committee requested to bring that for review at the next meeting. Mr. Gunty suggested that the amount for expenditures needing Board approval should be lowered to \$20,000 (from \$25,000) as well.
 - ii. Mrs. Johnson shared a policy from a different district with the committee, asking if there was an interest in making changes/additions to our policy regarding Vendor/Contractor Conflict of Interest. Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Lemon will discuss and review the concern to write language that addresses it. Suggestions/revisions will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - iii. Motion was made by Swanson, second by Craig Gunty to table policy
4:60: all in favor



- f. **4:175** Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
 - i. Mrs. Johnson asked for Board members to be fingerprinted as well. The committee agreed that it should be added to the policy.
 - ii. Motion was made by Jennifer Johnson, second by Megan Tommer, to make an addition and accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor.
- g. **5:30** Hiring Process and Criteria
 - i. Add “or designee” after Superintendent.
 - ii. Mr. DeMatteis inquired regarding drug testing for teachers when hired and Mr. Miller stated that such a requirement would have to be a part of future union negotiations; however, if an employee is suspected, the district has procedures in place to investigate and mandate a test when necessary.
 - iii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Robyn Vickers, to accept changes noted and discussed; all in favor.
- h. **5:125** Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
 - i. Add “and any other emergent social media app” and Superintendent “or designee”.
 - ii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Kirsten Coulman, to accept changes noted and discussed; all in favor.
- i. **5:200** Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 - i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Dr. Patti Marcinko, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor.
- j. **6:135** Accelerated Placement Program
 - i. The committee wanted the “automatic” enrollment removed and added a suggested paragraph, giving parents/guardians options.
 - ii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Dr. Patti Marcinko, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor.
- k. **6:180** Extended Instructional Programs
 - i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Ken Miller to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
- l. **7:30** Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer Residence
 - i. Replace “units” with “attendance areas”. A committee member suggested adding “socio-economic status” under #2. Then a motion was made to move it forward without that addition.
 - ii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Scott DeMatteis, to accept changes as noted and discussed; 12-2
 - iii. The two members that opposed did so because they would like to add “socio-economic status”, but since some members left the meeting already, it could not be recalled and voted on again at this time. The approved changes will move forward to the Board now, and the policy will be brought back to a future policy meeting for further discussion.
- m. **7:240** Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities



- i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Megan Tommer, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
 - n. **7:250** Student Support Services
 - i. Remove the word "Guidance"
 - ii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Robyn Vickers, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
 - o. **7:260** Exemption from Physical Education
 - i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Dr. Patti Marcinko, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
 - p. **7:290** Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 - i. "Each building's website" should be added after District.
 - ii. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Craig Gunty, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
 - q. **7:310** Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
 - i. Motion was made by Alison Swanson, second by Christina Massat, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
 - r. **7:315** Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
 - i. Motion was made by Craig Gunty, second by Alison Swanson, to accept changes as noted and discussed; all in favor
5. Public Comment (3 minutes each) – None
6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.; all were in favor.

Next Meeting will be on March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.