

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 17, 2019

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 7:00 a.m. at the ASC office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m.

Present: Chair Jill Samonte, Tracy Weiner, Jackelyn Cadard, Michael Krugman, Kevin Russell, Jason Suchy, Fanny Vlahos, Jayne Yudzentis, and Melissa Jerves (non-member/secretary).

Absent: Roy Anderson, Hamad Sheikh, Mark White

Approval of Minutes

Jayne Yudzentis noted that the minutes from May 21, 2019 should be amended to show that Marla Gilbert was absent. Tracy Weiner moved and Michael Krugman seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Policy Manual Review Discussion

Dr. Russell shared information about the Illinois Association of School Board's (IASB) PRESS Plus policy manual updating services. An IASB policy representative could work with the District to provide a full update to District 58's policy manual, aligning it to the IASB Policy Reference Manual, while still maintaining language unique to District 58. Benefits to the District include:

- policy manual fully compliant with state and federal law
- accurate legal references and cross-references
- searchable and archivable
- PRESS Plus service helps keep policies and procedures current with changes in law and streamlines Policy Committee work
- administrative procedures included
- aligning policy with District 99, which helps families have a consistent K-12 experience

After discussion, the consensus of the committee was to strongly consider IASB's policy manual customization and PRESS Plus services, and further investigate costs.

Policy #1150 – Community Relations – Citizens Communications to the Board

The recommended revision changes “reception of visitors” to “public comment.” In addition, time limits are added to the public comment portion of Board meetings. Although DGEEA representatives on the Policy Committee have expressed interest in adding language that outlines specific avenues of communication between bargaining groups and the Board, the committee agreed that the revisions presented should move forward for first reading. The committee agreed that further conversations can still take place with the DGEAA (and other associations) regarding additional language to this policy.

Policy #8244 – Internal Board Operations – Determining Agenda

This policy is revised to align with #1150, changing “reception of visitors” to “public comment.”

Reception of Visitors

No visitors were present at this committee meeting.

To do:

- Contact IASB policy representative to attend October Policy Committee meeting.
- Place Policies #1150 and #8244 on October Board agenda for first reading.

Adjournment

Michael Krugman moved and Tracy Weiner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 a.m.