

Board of Education – Policy Committee
Williamsville Community Unit School District #15
Williamsville, Illinois 62693
July 18, 2016
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie Waugh, Tom Ray, Corey Conklin, Kurt Ratliff and Pam Kovacevich and Teresa Benner (late)

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF:

Dave Root, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Mr. Root explained the policy process to new Board member, Kurt Ratliff.

The Board reviewed the following recommended policy manual changes and updates from IASB:

- 6:130 – Program for the Gifted
 - We no longer offer this type of program. We have instituted processes that teach to all levels. Junior High and High School students are tracked into higher levels of English, Math, etc. This would really only apply at the elementary level.
 - If we ever want to add it back, we would have to hire more teachers to accommodate the classes.
 - It's also one more area of separation and labels for kids.
- 6:300 – Graduation Requirements
- 7:150 – Agency and Police Interviews
 - No student speaks to police officers unless they are in the presence of a parent or someone in loco parentis.
 - We dissuade this from ever happening during the school day, unless it is unavoidable.
 - If the school is somehow involved, such as a crime committed at school, that is a different situation and is treated as such.
- 7:190 – Student Behavior – Renamed and Rewritten
 - Option 1 – Prohibit use or possession of cell phone, etc unless authorized by Building Principal
 - Option 2 – Restrict all suspended students from school grounds and school activities; replace “may” with “shall”
 - Option 3 – Restrict all expelled students from school grounds and school activities; replace “may” with “shall”
 - Mr. Root spoke about recent law changes to discipline. Any student subject to being out of school for more than three days due to discipline has to be provided with an alternative education program. He also noted that anyone coming in from another school with a pending discipline issue must serve the discipline here. This includes athletics discipline as well.
- 7:200 – Suspension Procedures – Rewritten due to legislation
- 7:210 – Expulsion Procedures – Rewritten due to legislation
- 7:220 – Bus Conduct
 - We do currently use this as a form of discipline, when warranted, while making sure the student still gets to school
 - We have a handbook that details what issues are categorized as ‘gross misconduct’ violations

- 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - Student behavior applies to these areas as well
 - Students who violate IHSA rules with regards to performance enhancing drugs will be disciplined accordingly. They are subject to random drug testing.
- 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Mr. Root recommended that the Board review these policies and he will present them to the Board for approval and/or changes at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded Corey Conklin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary