

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, ILLINOIS**

A meeting of the Policy Committee was held on January 5, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Tiffany Biros, Jason Eltrevoog and Ron Frye. Also present: Mike Coughlin, Mark Giertz, Ted O'Boyle, and Dan Stecken.

Absent: None

A. Public Comment

There Was no public comment.

B. Eligibility Update:

Mr. O'Boyle presented to the committee with the recommendations for changes in eligibility for co-curricular participation at Seneca High School. At present the current policy has confusing verbiage for the "waiver" procedures. The current policy was put in place years ago when the IHSA made a significant change to their minimum eligibility requirements. The revision includes a student will be ineligible for the following week (after a weekly eligibility report if the student has 2 or more F's). If a student ends the semester with 3 or more F's the student will be ineligible for the following semester.

C. Illinois Principal Association Model Handbook Update:

Mr. Giertz presented on the updates from the IPA Model Student Handbook. Key changes include schools may not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture. Students who disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety must modify their appearance. Additionally, the passage of student mental health days (5) was discussed, as well as the implications of this new law. Finally, Mr. Giertz presented the change to students with disabilities law allowing the student in age 22 year to complete the entirety of the school year in the year which the student turns 22.

D. Final Exam Exemption Update:

Mr. Coughlin presented changes to the final exam eligibility for the 22-23 school year. Currently there are different categories of exemptions based upon age of the student. The key change becomes that ALL students will be eligible for up to four final exam exemptions per semester based on discipline referrals and earning an "A" in the course by a final review date. The reviews are directly from the \_School Improvement Team's recommendation.

E. PRESS Policies

a. Mr. Stecken discussed the updated PRESS Policies from the November Issue 108 PRESS Policy Updates. There are many updates to major policies. The committee reviewed the various policies to adopt with one exception, policy 6:60 needed further discussion from the whole board as well as updated revisions from ISBE (due by 8/1/2022).

1. Press Policy 6:60 was discussed in detail to determine to further evaluate.

2. PRESS Policy

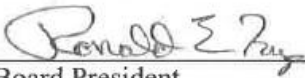
*2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board, 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban, 2:1JO Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers, 2:120 Board Member Development, 2:150 Committees, 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure, 2:250*

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*Immediately Available District Public Records, 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 3:40 Superintendent, 3:50 Administrative Personnel other than the Superintendent, 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, 4:60 Purchases and Contracts, 4:80 Accounting and Audits, 4:1 JO Transportation, 4:120 Food Services, 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs, 4:160 Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds, 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors, 4:170 Safety, 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender, 5:10 Equal Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited, 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition, 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:100 Staff Development Program, 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest, 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct, 5:150 Personnel Records, 5:185 Family and Medical Leave Act, 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, 5:210 Resignations, 5:220 Substitute Teachers, 5:250 Leaves of Absences, 5:260 Student Teachers, 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, 6:15 School Accountability, 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day, 6:50 School Wellness, 6:100 Dissection of Animals, 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities, 6:130 Program for the Gifted, 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program, 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs, 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology Program, 6:300 Graduation Requirements, 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences, 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency, 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program, 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer, 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools, 7:60 Residence, 7:70 Attendance and Truancy, 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance, 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews, 7:160 Student Appearance, 7:165 School Uniforms, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, 7:190 Student Behavior, 7:200 Suspension Procedures, 7:210 Expulsion Procedures, 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities, 7:250 Student Support Services, 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education, 7:280 Reporting and Exclusion Requirements for Common Communicable Diseases, 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention, 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High School, 7:340 Student Records, 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security, 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities, 8:95 Parental Involvement, 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.*

F. Other

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary

1-19-2022

Date