

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

A meeting of the Policy Committee was held on March 2, 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 and Dan Stecken.

Absent: None

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

B. Student Handbook- Student Attendance:

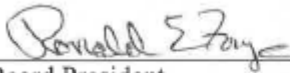
Mr. Stecken and Mr. Coughlin discussed the current student handbook's policies on student attendance and school-day, after school activities & social attendance. Of discussion was the concept where student's used mental health days to miss school but then came to after school activities as spectators. Citing the IPA model handbook and other district's handbooks, an addition to section 2.20 and 9.10 was recommended to be included to say: "A student who is absent from school for over half the day (after 12:00 pm) may not attend any extracurricular activities as a spectator or athlete on that corresponding date unless given administrative permission." While this practice has been used administratively in the past, it needs to be added to the handbook. The committee agreed upon this recommendation.

C. Press Policy 6:60

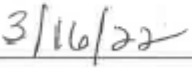
Mr. Stecken discussed Press Policy 6:60 and the options the district faces. He discussed correspondence with the district attorney to clarify a point from prior discussion on the district's sex education curriculum. As shared by Klein Thorpe & Jenkins the district can continue with its current curriculum if it chooses. Mr. Stecken then went over the in-depth National Sex Ed Standards (NSES) that have become discussion points in prior policy committee meetings. Next, the committee looked thru the policies as written with options of what the district can determine its next course of action. The committee discussed waiting for ISBE to fully adopt the NSES standards before deciding, but it was ultimately decided to recommend continuing current curriculum practices and not adopting the NSES standards.

D. Other

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

  
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Board President

  
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