

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Seman, Charlie Waugh, Teresa Benner, Tom Ray, Pam Kovacevich and Corey Conklin (late)

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF:

Dave Root, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

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

- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - Mr. Root noted that Adam Ibbotson has taken over much of this role
 - The district is meeting the Civics requirements at the high school level
- 6:160 – English Learners – Renamed
 - ELL – English Language Learners
- 6:315 – High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8 – Material Relocated
 - Authorizes Superintendent or designee to investigate coordinate and implement a program for students in grades 7 & 8 to enroll in courses required for high school diploma. We do not blur junior high and high school credit currently
 - Mr. Root noted that we are looking into some options for dual credit and he will bring some additional information to the board at the next meeting.
- 6:320 – High School Credit for Proficiency
 - We currently offer proficiency courses
- 7:50 – School Admissions and Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:100 – Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunization; and Exclusions of Students
 - Risk assessed for lead poisoning
 - Certificate of Religious Exemption – we must inform any parent who does this if there is an outbreak of a communicable disease that could be prevented via vaccination
- 7:130 – Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - During non-instructional time, students may voluntarily engage in individually or collectively; initiated non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings
 - This same right is reciprocal for things like LGBT groups
- 7:140 – Search and Seizure
 - Law prohibits the school from requiring or requesting passwords. They can be requested to cooperate in investigations where this information is applicable
 - Mr. Root noted that we are not the ‘Facebook police’. Parents need to be involved in this. If there is a bullying situation, did it occur during school hours, etc? Parent involvement is essential in curbing this.
- 7:290 – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention – Renamed and Rewritten
 - Policy is required
 - Currently our required training is for those who work with students in grades 7-12. It was stated that younger kids are at risk more and more and that is something to look into for those who work with younger children. Our teachers are very proactive and go to our counseling staff with any concerns

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, with the exception of policy number 6:315, as it will be further reviewed before being approved.

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded Pam Kovacevich to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary