

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 5, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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The Board of Education Secretary will accept public comments via email at: stangee@sunsetridge29.org, until 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 2021. Those comments will be read aloud during the Public Comment agenda item and/or entered into the meeting minutes.

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - 2.1 Minutes from September 4, 2020 Meeting
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. DISCUSSION:
 - 4.1 Discussion: Pandemic Preparedness Policy 471
5. UPCOMING MEETINGS:
6. ADJOURNMENT

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: 9:02 a.m.

Mr. Welch called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and upon roll call, the following were present via video-conferencing:

Present: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Alpert
Knight, Mr. Welch
Absent: None
Also Present: Dr. Stange

DISCUSSION:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the August 14, 2020. Mr. Welch moved to approved the minutes as presented and Mrs. Detlefsen second the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Aye: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Welch,
Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Peterson
Absent: None
Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

3.1 Review of Board Policy Section 700

The committee conducted the final review of all of the District 29 Board of Education policies in Section 700. The committee directed Dr. Stange to provide the revised policies for a second reading and approval by the full District 29 Board of Education at the September 2020 Regular Board of Education meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Welch moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m., and Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

_____ Chairperson, Policy Committee

_____ Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____, 2021

OPERATIONAL SERVICES**Pandemic Preparedness**

The School Board recognizes that the District will play an essential role, along with the local health department and emergency management agencies, in protecting the public's health and safety if a pandemic occurs.

A pandemic is a worldwide outbreak of a virus for which there is little or no natural immunity and no vaccine; it spreads quickly to people who have not been previously exposed to the new virus.

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall: (1) learn and understand the roles that the federal, State, and local government would play in an epidemic; (2) form a pandemic planning team consisting of appropriate District personnel and community members to identify priorities and oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive pandemic school action plan; and (3) build awareness of the final plan among staff, students, and community.

Emergency School Closing

In the case of a pandemic, any decision for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the District's local health department, emergency management agencies, and the Regional Office of Education (Illinois State Board of Education).

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7 and 5/10-20.5.
Ill. Dept. of Public Health Act (Part 1), 20 ILCS 2305/2(b).
Ill. Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305.
Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act, 115 ILCS 5/.

APPROVED: JULY 2020

Operational Services

Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery

The School Board recognizes that the District will play an essential role along with the local health department and emergency management agencies in protecting the public's health and safety during a pandemic.

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemics happen when a new virus emerges to infect individuals and, because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads sustainably.

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall: (1) learn and understand how the roles that the federal, State, and local government function; (2) form a pandemic planning team consisting of appropriate District personnel and community members to identify priorities and oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive pandemic school action plan; and (3) build awareness of the final plan among staff, students, and community.

Emergency School Closing

In the case of a pandemic, the Governor may declare a disaster due to a public health emergency that may affect any decision for an emergency school closing. Decisions for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the Governor, Ill. Dept. of Public Health, District's local health department, emergency management agencies, and/or Regional Office of Education.

During an emergency school closing, the Board President and the Superintendent may, to the extent the emergency situation allows, examine existing Board policies and recommend to the Board for consideration any needed amendments or suspensions to address mandates that the District may not be able to accomplish or implement due to a pandemic.

Board Meeting Procedure; No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video

A disaster declaration related to a public health emergency may affect the Board's ability to meet in person and generate a quorum of members who are physically present at the location of a meeting. Board policy governs Board meetings by video or audio conference without the physical presence of a quorum.

Payment of Employee Salaries During Emergency School Closures

The Superintendent shall consult with the Board to determine the extent to which continued payment of salaries and benefits will be made to the District's employees, pursuant to Board policy and consistent with: (1) applicable laws, regulations, federal or State or local emergency declarations, executive orders, and agency directives; (2) collective bargaining agreements and any bargaining obligations; and (3) the terms of any grant under which an employee is being paid.

Suspension of In-Person Instruction; Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)

When the Governor declares a disaster due to a public health emergency pursuant to 20 ILCS 3305/7, and the State Superintendent of Education declares a requirement for the District to use *Remote Learning Days* or *Blended Remote Learning Days*, the Superintendent shall approve and present to the Board for adoption a Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan that:

1. Recommends to the Board for consideration any suspensions or amendments to curriculum-related policies to reduce any Board-required graduation or other instructional requirements in excess of minimum curricular requirements specified in School Code that the District may not be able to provide due to the pandemic;
2. Implements the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/10-30; and
3. Ensures a plan for periodic review of and/or amendments to the Plan when needed and/or required by statute, regulation, or State guidance.

In-Person Instruction; Required Health Examination – During Times of Pandemic

During a pandemic and upon notice to parents and guardians, in addition to the health examinations and immunizations set forth in Policy 7:100, the Board ***[may require][hereby delegates to the Superintendent the authority to require]*** that students submit to non-invasive tests for contagious disease related to the pandemic, at the expense of the Board. For purposes of this requirement, “non-invasive” shall mean a test that does not require incision, insertion or injection into the body (e.g. saliva-based tests). The failure to comply with this mandatory health examination will result in the student’s exclusion from in-person learning until the student submits to the testing. During the exclusion, the District will provide remote learning to the student. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for students who provide documentation from a physician that they are medically unable to tolerate such required non-invasive tests.

During a pandemic and upon notice to employees, the Board ***[may require][hereby delegates to the Superintendent the authority to require]*** that employees submit to non-invasive tests for contagious disease related to the pandemic, at the expense of the Board, in accordance with the authority of the Board under statute, regulation, and court decisions.

Nothing in this Policy shall limit the authority of the Board or Superintendent to require students or employees diagnosed with or demonstrating symptoms of, or with exposure to others diagnosed with or demonstrating symptoms of, a contagious disease to provide evidence of freedom from such contagious disease at their own expense before continuing or returning to in-person attendance.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7, 5/10-20, 5/10-20.5, 5/10-20.56, 5/10-30, 5/24-5, and 5/27-8.1.5 ILCS 120/2.01 and 120/7(e), Open Meetings Act. 20 ILCS 2305/2(b), Ill. Dept. of Public Health Act (Part 1). 20 ILCS 3305/, Ill. Emergency Management Agency Act. 115 ILCS 5/, Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.