MEETING NOTES HUMAN RESOURCES / POLICY COMMITTEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

February 13, 2023

A meeting of the Human Resources (HR)/Policy Committee of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 3:30 PM.

PRESENT

Board Members: Mr. Rob Hanlon

Mr. Dave Long (participated via Google Meet)

Staff Present: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent

Discussion of Fall 2022 PRESS Issue 110

Dr. Schuler reminded the committee that revised policy 7:340 Student Records was pulled from the policy posting consent agenda on January 11, 2023, at the request of a Board Member due to the section of the policy on student biometric information. This recommended revised policy has been returned to the Board HR/Policy Committee for further review.

There was discussion on the following:

- All of the policy language on student biometric information collection is not new and is in the current D200 policy version.
- The question came up at the Board meeting Does the District collect student biometric information? In addition, wanted to make sure that if and when we do, it expressly requires the board to approve any plan to collect student biometric information.
- The first sentence of the section on student biometric information collection, "The Superintendent or designee may recommend a student biometric information collection system..." The idea of Board approval is implied as the Board is the only way formal recommendations are made from the Supt. or designee.
- Any instances where student biometric information may be collected?
- Adding a layer of approval vs. attempting to bring clarity to a layer.

The policy committee took a step back, reviewed the language, and believes the concern expressed is encompassed in the current policy language and therefore does not believe there is a need to revise the existing language.

PRESS revised policy 7:340 will be placed on a future policy posting consent agenda as originally presented.

Discussion of Policy 8:80 – Gifts to the District

Dr. Schuler reviewed this policy with a PRESS policy advisor who agreed that the use of "viewpoint neutral" was an awkward use of that term in the policy. It does not appear PRESS will likely be reviewing this policy in the immediate future. D200 legal counsel reviewed the policy based on the concern. Dr. Schuler provided revised language for this policy to consider.

There was discussion on the following:

- Ensuring to make it clear the District will manage a process for the review, approval, and use of donations consistent with Board policy and the District's educational mission and will provide equal treatment to anyone seeking to donate a gift.
- The importance of the message that the process will be viewpoint neutral and will provide equal treatment to all individuals and entities.
- Viewpoint neutral applying to the process itself.
- The language is broader regarding the need for a process that governs the appropriate use of any donation.
- The messaging component is covered under a separate policy that deals with the naming of things or banners that are put up.

A revised version of policy 8:80 will be placed on a future policy posting consent agenda once drafted.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM.