

**MEETING NOTES**  
**HUMAN RESOURCES/POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**  
**April 10, 2025**

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 12:03 PM on Monday, April 10, 2025, at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL.

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Ms. Julie Kulovits  
Ms. Angela Blatner

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent  
Ms. Alyssa Barry, Director of Community Engagement & Communications

**Update on Cell Phone/Personal Electronics Policy**

Dr. Schuler provided the committee with an update on what has happened since the last conversation in March. There was discussion on the following:

- Shared the language included in Illinois SB2427 related to cell phones. This has passed the Senate and is off to the House. It is likely to pass the House as well.
- A draft of the proposed revised District 200 language regarding smart devices (cell phones, smart watches, and earbuds) was also provided.
- The committee reviewed the two pieces side by side to ensure the District 200 policy language will conform to the State's minimum standards.
- The state language says that by the 2026-27 school year, a local district must pass a policy conforming to at least minimum standards (wireless communication devices cannot be used during instructional time). They do define what is not included in instructional time (recess, passing time, lunch).
- In addition to cell phones, wireless communication in the State language refers to tablets, laptop computers, gaming devices, and wearable devices (including smart watches, smart glasses, etc).
- There are some exceptions to the policy included in the state language.
- Where do AirPods fall on this? Smart watches at the high school level? School mode vs. cell mode? The need to clarify all of these points.
- Current practice on smart watches in the District 200 buildings.
- Comparable districts and where they sit on banning cell phones and smart watches.
- Important to know that there will be a law on what will be and won't be allowed from the State.
- Feedback has been provided from various sources on smart devices in the schools.
- Parent feedback on devices, includes smart watches?
- Enforcement and consequences for the different levels in the District. High school deans managing behavior helped develop the consequences portion of the policy.
- Access period at the high school - considered instructional time?
- Storage for devices - caddies vs. backpacks. Building decision - leave some discretion to the school?
- Implementation timeline - for the District and anticipated for the State law.

**Other**

Dr. Schuler shared data that has been received from our high schools with the committee on the impact of the changes to the Accelerated Placement policy for the state. This included the APA Basics & Impact, Key Outcomes, Academic Performance (I-Level vs. A-Level Students), and Implications. This information will be shared with the full Board as part of the April Committee of the Whole meeting on College and Career Readiness.

**Public Comment**

None

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.