

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting  
March 12, 2026

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North Boone Community Unit School District #200**

Held at North Boone District Office  
6248 North Boone School Road  
Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

**I. Call to Order**

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Sarah Meyer at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted by the secretary.

**Members Present:** Sarah Meyer, Nan Schilling, Russell O'Donnell, Dr. Matt Cascio, Sue Zarndt.

\*\*\*Nick Augustine, NBEA Representative, arrived at 5:05pm\*\*\*

**Members Absent:** Brandon Meyer, Tasha Rayas, Liz Saveley

**III. Audience to Visitors**

None

**IV. Policy 7:70 Review**

- The committee reviewed the attendance policy, focusing on removing the requirement for a doctor's note after 3 days of absence.
- Rationale: Many local districts do not require this; parents face financial and scheduling burdens; sick children often do not need doctor visits for common illnesses like fever or flu.
- Nurse Sue Zarndt supported the removal, agreeing with parental concerns.
- Consensus: The committee will recommend to the Board of Education to remove the sentence requiring a doctor's note after 3 days of absence.
- Noted that this requirement is unique to North Boone and not present in neighboring districts (Harvard, Belvidere, etc.).

**V. Review PRESS ISSUE 120 Synopsis**

- Committee reviewed updated policies with redlined changes and streamlined formatting.
- Minor changes mainly in footnotes and legal references were discussed.
- Policies covered included
  - 2:120 – Board Member Development
  - 2:150 – Committees
  - 2:270 – Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
  - 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management
  - 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
  - 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
  - 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
  - 4:190 – Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
  - 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

- 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program
- 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
- 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:220 – Substitute Teachers
- 5:280 – Duties and Qualifications
- 5:300 – Schedules and Employment Year
- 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:40 – Curriculum Development
- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- 6:160 – English Learners
- 6:210 – Instructional Materials
- 6:260 – Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 6:300 – Graduation Requirements
- 6:310 – High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; re-Entering Students
- 6:315 – High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8
- 6:320 – High School Credit for Proficiency
- 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy – Remove line requiring doctors note after 3 days
- 7:150 – Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- 7:180 – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 – Student Behavior
- 7:290 – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7:315 – Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
- 7:340 – Student Records
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property


The committee agreed by consensus to recommend the board of education adopt all of the changes in Press Issue 120, except the changes noted above in Policy 7:70.

#### V. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, and with no opposition heard, the motion carried by unanimous consent 5:25 pm.

Submitted by:

  
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 Sarah Meyer  
 Committee Chair

  
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 Nan Schilling  
 Ex-Officio

Approved: 4/21/2024