

**Oak Park and River Forest High School
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Oak Park, IL 60302**

**POLICY, EVALUATION, AND GOALS (PEG) COMMITTEE MEETING
June 18, 2009**

A Policy Committee meeting was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009, in the Board Room of the Oak Park and River Forest High School. Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also, present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Nathaniel R. Rouse, Principal; and; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors included Diane Dyer Dawson.

Reordering of Agenda

Dr. Lee rearranged the agenda as follows: Policy 5136, Policy 3155, and Adjournment.

Consideration of the following Policies for Second Reading and Action

Policy 5136, Student Travel (Revision)

It was the consensus of the PEG Committee members to recommend to the Board of Education that it amend Policy 5136, Student Travel, at its regular June Board of Education meeting. The policy is presented for approval and the procedures for acceptance with the understanding that the administration will be able to adjust the procedures as necessary. Dr. Lee asked that any further comments regarding the procedures be forwarded to Mr. Edgecombe.

Discussion had ensued about placing limitations on the amount of money the school would spend on transportation and whether or not there should be some fund sharing. Transportation from the school to the airport is covered for exchanges and excursions, but not for international flights, etc. Dr. Millard felt there should be a limit to the amount of money the school spent on travel arrangements. There should be criteria in place that participants should share the funding of the transportation.

Discussion ensued about whether procedures merely had to be accepted by the Board of Education or actually be voted upon by the Board of Education. The administration presents the procedures to the Board of Education in order to keep the Board of Education informed. Further clarification will be sought.

Consideration of the following Policies for First Reading and Action

Policy 3310, Contracts/Purchasing

It was the consensus of the PEG Committee members to recommend to the Board of Education that it approve Policy 3310, Contracts/Purchasing, for First Reading, at its regular June Board of Education meeting.

The Chief Financial Officer had submitted a change from \$25,000 to \$10,000 as a result in a change in *The School Code of Illinois*. Ms. Patchak-Layman preferred raising this amount only to \$15,000 as she felt there would be more opportunity for new companies to bid for the work, rather than just preferred vendors. To her, it seemed a narrowing of the opportunities to have other businesses do work with the school. When there is a threshold of lower competitive bidding, it provides more opportunities within the business community to have impact and also expand the outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses. It was noted that the bid documents provide documentation of female and minority ownership for submission. Ms. Patchak-Layman preferred to see proof of that ownership, but the District would not know how to guarantee such a statement. Ms. Patchak-Layman suggested that it be part of the reporting requirements.

Discussion of Board of Education Goals for 2009-2010

The discussion of the 2009-2010 Board of Education goals was added to the July 16, 2009 Special Board meeting agenda.

Adjournment

At 10:44 p.m., on Thursday, June 18, 2009, the Policy, Evaluation, and Goals Committee adjourned.