

**Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting
North Boone Community Unit School District #200**

Held at North Boone District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Don Ward. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Michael Greenlee, Matt Klett, Kelly Hanaman, Kelly Holsker and Don Ward. The following members were absent: Kelly Hanaman, Tom Moon and Jeannine Plath. Others Present: Melissa Geyman, Joe Haverly, Jake Hubert and Mary Maxey.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(None)

DISCUSSION OF POLICY 6:310

The Policy Committee and the Curriculum Committee members met jointly to discuss policy 6:310 - Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions.

Each attendee was provided a copy of the current policy along with the PRESS version of the policy, including footnotes.

Mr. Ward mentioned since the last Policy meeting, he had made contact with Brian Zumpf, IASB, to discuss this policy. Mr. Zumpf said the District can eliminate or put restrictions on the policy per footnote #2: *“Each board may choose for which, if any, of the listed non-district experiences the district will grant high school credit. If a district does not grant credit for any of the listed activities, substitute the following alternative for all text in the entire section: “The District does not grant graduation credit for learning experiences that an enrolled student does not complete through the District.”* Mr. Ward said Mr. Zumpf pointed out some districts will look at the syllabus of online courses and decide which to accept. Mr. Zumpf brought up the question if online and community college courses should count toward eligibility for athletics and extra-curriculars, and noted we need to be cautious with online courses in determining ongoing grades. Mr. Hubert stated students had to be passing five classes to remain eligible. Mr. Hubert mentioned one of the issues with online courses is that they will show the progress and grade of a student, but it may remain at the same grade/status for weeks without a student completing any additional work. He said NBHS has a way to view the grades, but not the ability to track if the student has made additional progress in the class. Mr. Ward also shared his discussion with IASB included whether these external courses should count toward class rank.

Mr. Hubert said he would just like to ensure students have choices in offerings. Mr. Ward asked Mr. Hubert if he could foresee an erosion of students in AP courses. Mr. Hubert said AP courses were already moving toward minimums.

Dr. Greenlee reiterated the Curriculum Committee would like an unlimited number of outside courses to be applied toward a North Boone diploma, while the Policy Committee wanted to keep some controls in place. Dr. Greenlee also stated he spoke with Scott Nemanich, our District attorney and said Mr. Nemanich had concerns regarding potential arguments and protests over GPA, class rank, eligibility, valedictorian and salutatorian. Our attorney thought without strict guidelines, we may run into issues.

Mr. Ward asked how administrators would handle each situation if there were no limits. Mr. Hubert said in other districts, if a course is offered at their school, it cannot be taken outside, unless it's an approved program.

The Policy Committee members and other attendees from the Curriculum Committee agreed that District approved courses may count towards athletic and extra-curricular eligibility, District approved courses, and courses accredited from the North Central Association of College and Secondary Schools count as external courses. The Committee and attendees also agreed the Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board which, if any, non-District courses or experiences, will count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities. They also concurred a minimum of 12 North Boone credits (24 total required) are needed for a student's high school graduation, (up from the current policy of 3 credits allowed for external credits). The Committee agreed to bring the revised policy to the next Regular Board meeting for a first reading.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date for the next Policy Committee meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by:

Don Ward, Committee Chair