

**SALINE AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**POLICY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**November 17, 2009
Superintendent's Office – Union School
5:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** of the Board Policy Committee Special Meeting of Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Hynek.

Members Present:

Trustee Cattell, Trustee Hoeft, Chairperson Hynek, and Secretary Lesch.

Administrators Present:

Superintendent Graden and Assistant Superintendent Wall

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Diana Lauchu, High School Spanish Teacher and ELL Coordinator spoke about her concerns with the Wellness Policy as it has a direct impact on the curriculum component in foreign languages at the High School. Each year students study different countries and are encouraged to bring in recipes and an authentic dish of that country from home.

A discussion was held and the committee decided to have Ms. Lauchu coordinate with High School Principal, Mr. Williams, to draft a permission slip that parents could sign in order that this educational tradition can be preserved.

Trustee Hoeft inquired about whether there is a policy for endorsing candidates. Superintendent Graden will review Policy 9060 and 1950 with regard to elections but thinks that Trustee Hoeft could endorse a candidate as a private citizen but not the Board as a whole.

3. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2009, MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION made by Secretary Lesch, seconded by Trustee Cattell to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009, Special Policy Meeting as written.

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

4. **POLICY REVIEW**

Grading Policy – Policy 7560

Superintendent Graden stated that they would be developing a subcommittee to look at this issue and what it would mean to Saline Area Schools. He recently did some research which

showed that last year out of the top 100 students, 88 of them had taken at least one AP class during High School. The previous year 83 of the top 100 students had taken at least one AP class. It should be noted that the year where 83 students took an AP class, Saline Area Schools was on the block schedule.

Superintendent Graden also stated he will be meeting with an admissions officer from the University of Michigan who is also a Saline Resident to discuss their admissions process.

Secretary Lesch, Trustee Cattell, and Chairperson Hynek volunteered to serve on this committee.

Relations with District Supported Organizations – Policy 9710/9730

Superintendent Graden emphasized that we need to be thoughtful in our review of this policy. He will submit the proposed changes to Brad Banasik at MASB will report back at the next meeting.

Compensation – Policy 1167

A discussion was held on this policy and it was decided to add a regulation to this policy that stated that the Board at its discretion may or may not authorize disbursement of compensation for its members on an annual basis. Also, the Board may choose to redirect any or all of its compensation to another purpose, i.e., scholarships, classroom use, etc. This change will be brought to the Board for final approval.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th beginning at 5:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

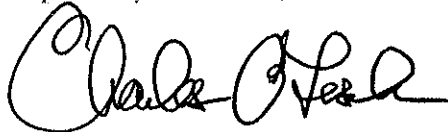
6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Lesch". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Chuck Lesch, Secretary

By: Patti Waltz, Recording Secretary