

**MINUTES OF BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF JANUARY 9, 2023**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SESSER-VALIER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 196**

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Board of Education of Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 was held on January 9, 2023, at 8:28 PM in the Sesser-Valier High School Library. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Rounds and roll for the Policy Committee was recorded by District Superintendent Jason Henry with the following results:

Committee Members Present: Rounds, Menser, Spence, Barry, Sample

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Henry, K. Jones, N. Page

Public Comment/Correspondence

None

Reports

Superintendent Henry briefly described the policy review/committee process.

New Business

Superintendent Henry summarized recommended modifications to the board policy manual (legal compliance updates, substantive modifications, and non-substantive rewrites of forty-one (41) board policies). Superintendent Henry and board committee members reviewed one (1) PRESS policy manual update (Issue # 110 dated October, 2022). The Committee reviewed and discussed each policy considered for substantive updates and reviewed policies considered for non-substantive updates (revised legal references/cross references/style changes) by request of committee members.

The Committee specifically reviewed the District's harassment, bullying, and attendance policies to comply with the District's statutory obligation for review. No substantive updates to these policies were needed at this time.

The Committee discussed Board Policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, and certain amendment(s) to House Bill 5188 that is pending in the Illinois General Assembly. Committee members indicated their concerns with certain components of HB 5188 and

pending amendments, citing local control of curriculum content/decision-making as paramount.

The Committee agreed by unanimous consent to recommend the revised policies to the full board for approval at its regular February, 2023, meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:51 PM.