

Board Policy Committee Geneseo CUSD #228 Board of Education

**Meeting Summary – January 6, 2026
District Office, 648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL 61254**

Present:

Kyle Ganson (Board of Education)
Diane Olson (Board of Education)
Superintendent Dr. Laura Delgado
Adam Fluck
Tracy Colter

Topics of discussion:

The meeting opened at 10:02 a.m.

The policy committee reviewed the Illinois Association of School Boards' recommendations for updates from PRESS Plus Issue 120, which includes the following policies:

- 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
- 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- 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
- 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 requests that for policy 6:60 Curriculum Content, the Board of Education considers whether to keep the following language or change it per the IASB's recommendation:

Existing language:

8. In all grades, character education must be taught including respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and citizenship in order to raise students' honesty, kindness, justice, discipline, respect for others, and moral courage. Instruction in all grades will include examples of behaviors that violate Board policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

IASB recommended language (updated in response to P.A. 104-391, which repealed the requirement to teach character education formerly at 105 ILCS 5/27-12):

8. In all grades, instruction on behaviors that violate Board policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

Policy 7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests, which would replace 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews, now includes federal and state law requirements regarding citizenship and immigration status in schools. By July 1, 2026, districts are required to develop procedures for reviewing and authorizing requests from law enforcement agents attempting to enter a school or school facility. The committee's recommendation is to adopt the new policy as presented by the IASB, but notes it is substantially more extensive than what was previously written.

The committee recommends that all other changes are accepted as presented by the IASB.

A PRESS Board Policy Review for Issue 120 (first reading) will take place at the Board of Education's regular meeting on January 8, 2026 with a second reading at the February 12, 2026 meeting. The deadline for submitting PRESS Plus Issue 120 is February 28, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.