

Board Policy Committee Geneseo CUSD #228 Board of Education

**Meeting Summary – May 21, 2025
District Office, 648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL 61254**

Present:

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

Topics of discussion:

The meeting opened at 10:04 a.m.

The policy committee reviewed the Illinois Association of School Boards' recommendations for updates from PRESS Plus Issue 118, which includes the following policies:

- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure
- 4:15 Identity Protection
- 4:80 Accounting and Audits
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:60 Expenses
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:200 Suspension Procedures

- 7:210 Expulsion Procedures
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:255 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
- 7:340 Student Records

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

In addition, the committee recommends further changes to Policy 7:60 (see attached memo from Dr. Brumbaugh).

A PRESS Board Policy Review first reading will take place at the Board of Education's regular meeting on June 12, 2025 with a second reading at the August 14, 2025 meeting.

The deadline for submitting PRESS Plus Issue 118 is August 28, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

To: 228 Board of Education

From: Superintendent Dr. Adam Brumbaugh

Date: June 6, 2025

Re: Employees with students who reside outside of district boundaries

After conducting some research, I've concluded that local school districts have the ability to amend their board policies to allow the children of all (or a defined portion of) employees to attend Geneseo tuition free. The inquiry was a result of the most recent policy committee meeting held on May 21, 2025 when reviewing policy 7:60.

1. In 2023, Illinois state lawmakers shifted the responsibility for approving school district tuition waivers from the general assembly to the local school districts themselves. This means that individual school districts now have the authority to decide whether or not to waive tuition for non-resident students, particularly those who are children of district employees. Previously, the general assembly held the power to approve such waivers.
 - a. Geneseo had such a waiver approved in 2019.
2. [Board Policy 7:60 \(Residence\)](#) speaks to student residency requirements and tuition for those who wish to attend Geneseo but live outside of the district.
 - a. This policy is already being amended in PRESS Issue 118 for other reasons.

The committee recommends further changes (**new language in red**) to Policy 7:60:

*For a nonresident student who is the child of a District employee, if the Superintendent approves the request for nonresident admission for the student, the tuition cost is waived pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a(a). **For the purposes of this portion of Policy 7:60 (Requests for Nonresident Student Admission), an employee is defined as: any certified staff currently under contract or any non-certified staff currently employed and assigned at least 15.0 hours per week. If the employee leaves the job before the school year ends, the student must unenroll or be subject to #3 of this portion of the policy.***

Rationale: Better defining "employee" allows for non-certified staff to have the same opportunity to apply for tuition-free attendance at Geneseo. It also speaks to consistently employed individuals (not including substitutes) and to the district's need for said employees to remain working for the year.

We think this language could help attract and retain highly qualified non-certified employees that will make our district workforce better and allow for additional students to attend Geneseo for minimum additional costs.