POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 28, 2014
Chatfield-LoPresti School
7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Yashu Putorti, Chairman
                                             Jennifer Magri
                                             Jay Hatfield

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Kristen Harmeling, BOE
                          Christine Syriac, Superintendent
                          Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I.  CALL TO ORDER
   A.  Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed with as there
       was no visible flag.

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
    A.  Bylaws of the Board
        1.  9132 Permanent Board Committees
            Mr. Putorti asked, “Why do we want to change the make-up of the committees? What is wrong
            with the alignment that is currently in place?” Mr. Hatfield stated that he felt that there were a lot
            of committees with overlap between the committees.  By combining the committees he felt that more
            people would be allowed to have input and the board could be more productive.  A lot of the work
            that comes out of the whole Board of Education comes from the committees and this would get
            more things accomplished.  The Chair recognized Mrs. Harmeling and she said after attending the
            CABE Conference she felt that the committee structure should be made to better align with the
            priorities of the Board of Education and should reflect our goals.  She would like to see a
            Community Relation and Communication Committee added.  Mrs. Magri pointed out that if we
            made the Community Relation and Communication Committee a standing committee then any
            person not on the Board of Education would be unable to vote.  Mr. Putorti suggested putting that
            committee under the Citizen’s Advisory Committee like the Awards Committee, so that all people
            on the committee could exercise the right to vote at the committee level.  After discussion on the
            possible restructuring of the current standing committees it was the consensus of opinion to bring 2
            options to the Board of Education as a whole.  Option A--leave the current committees in place with
            rewording of the policy to reflect current duties and language.  Mrs. Syriac and Mr. Hatfield will work
            on the rewording of the policy in the coming weeks.  Option B--re-alignment of the committees from
            9 committees to 5 with the Community Relation and Communication Committee being put under
            the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.  The end result would be 5 Permanent Board Committees and 2
            Advisory Committees.  This would allow most Board of Education members to serve on 3
            committees.  The five Permanent Board Committees would be 1. Finance and Budget (added to
            this would be Transportation, and Residency) 2. Facilities and Operations (added to this would be
            Nutrition, Health and Safety, and Athletics) 3. Negotiation (name changed from Liaison) 4.  
            Curriculum and Technology 5. Policy.
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to propose to the full board Option B to combine the 9 Standing Permanent Board Committees to 5.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

SO VOTED

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Magri) to adjourn the meeting

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle