



## 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.

**SO VOTED**

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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**SO VOTED**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Pat Boyle