

MEETING NOTES
HUMAN RESOURCES/POLICY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
March 3, 2025

A meeting of the Human Resources (HR)/Policy Committee of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at 12:00 PM on Monday, March 3, 2025, at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL.

PRESENT

Board Members: Ms. Julie Kulovits
Ms. Angela Blatner

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
Mr. Matt Biscan, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Ms. Alyssa Barry, Director of Community Engagement & Communications

Update on Cell Phone/Personal Electronics Policy

Dr. Schuler provided the committee with an update on what has happened since the last conversation in February. There was discussion on the following:

- Provided feedback from CAC on the cell phone policy options/paths forward options, as well as the staff survey results from both high schools regarding student cell phone use.
- Staff representatives from both high schools joined the February CAC meeting.
- On the same day as the February CAC meeting, the Governor during the State of the State address, indicated there will be legislation moving forward that will require all school districts in Illinois to adopt a cell phone policy that bans the use of phones during classroom instruction. If advanced, the implementation date will be the start of the 2026-27 school year.
- The difference between option 2 (review current policies, make minor adjustments or clarifications where appropriate; document cell phone expectations in an accessible place for all) vs. the current practice at the High Schools (teacher discretion is allowed).
- MS and Elementary levels - the idea of adding stronger language on other wearable cellular devices that is not currently in there.
- Information gathered will be brought to the full board to determine the next steps. Bringing a recommendation to the Board vs. information only.
- No phones allowed during instructional time vs. bell-to-bell policy; lunchtime and hallways.
- Getting feedback from all levels.
- The administration's recommendation will be based on all the data and information collected. The Board has the authority to determine what information to use in making a decision.
- High school vs. middle school expectations on cell phones/personal electronics.
- Personal electronics include wearable cellular technology devices (like watches); this will continue to evolve and change.
- If necessary, adjustments can be made to the policy or practice and modified after implementation.
- Want to be certain we have done enough data collection.
- Process - presenting an update, data, and information to the Board and then determining the next steps.

Franklin Boundary Discussion

Dr. Schuler provided historical information and background on the Franklin attendance boundaries in relation to the Washington Elementary feeder pattern. This included information and discussion on the following:

- A group of community members from the Washington area contacted the school/district to review the boundary adjustment and determine if those attendance areas could be adjusted back to Franklin. A formal request for consideration was submitted.
- Policy 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer.
- The boundary adjustment made in 2012 moved a portion of Washington from Franklin Middle School to Monroe Middle School. This included the Gary Gardens subdivision, Executive Drive apartments, and Carol Stream Crossing apartments. Therefore, Washington students exiting fifth grade are currently split between two middle schools.
- Projected enrollment at Franklin MS for school years 2025 through 2031. The District does not see any kind of capacity issue at Franklin.
- Administrators from Washington, Franklin, and Monroe schools have met with district administrators to discuss potential changes and other factors to consider.
- Community Engagement/Feedback Plan regarding a potential boundary change.
- The committee supported bringing this to the full Board as an oral report at the March meeting.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM.