

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

A Policy Committee meeting was held Monday, July 19, 2021, at 9:00 am in the District Board and Training Center.

**Committee Members Present:** Ellyn Paul, Kathi Swanson, Laurie Burgos

**Others present:** Lindsay Krull, Jamie Merath, Dr. Scott Brown

Motion by Ms. Paul, second by Ms. Swanson, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0 (voice vote).

**New Business:**

Dr. Scott Brown, Policy Services Associate, presented on the policy services offered by Neola. This service was discussed at the annual budget meeting on January 23, 2021, with board consensus that it would not be included in the budget until a new district administrator was hired and could express their opinion on utilizing the service.

Neola works directly with the district to update, create, and organize a new policy manual. Policies are revised twice per year, keeping abreast of changes in state and federal law as well as state and federal court decisions. All policies are vetted by national and state school law attorneys. Neola uses BoardDocs as its platform.

Discussion of the cost of approximately \$5,400 annually, reduction of time spent by administration on creating policies, fewer Policy Committee meetings, board action on policies reduced to twice annually, and no additional fees for policy review by school legal counsel. Ms. Merath will incorporate the service into the 2021-2022 budget and will provide the board with additional information at the July 28, 2021, meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2021, at 9:00 am.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Ms. Paul, second by Ms. Swanson, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0 (voice vote).

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/16/2021  
Kathi Swanson, Chair