

C'ville Publications Guidelines Approved

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At its meeting Thursday night, the Clarenceville Board of Education unanimously passed a set of guidelines governing school-sponsored publications.

The board had criticized the content of the Clarenceville High School paper, The Prophet, at previous meetings. Following those meetings, Dr. Ray Renbarger, CHS principal, proposed guidelines to govern The Prophet, other school-sponsored publications and non-school sponsored publications to be distributed in the school.

The proposed guidelines for school-sponsored publications included administrative "right of prior review" and prohibited articles giving "negative" views of any school-related activities.

THE BOARD first considered the school-sponsored publications guidelines at its last meeting Jan. 13 which was well attended by students and parents who came to speak on that issue.

After more than two hours of discussion of the guidelines at that meeting, the board sent them to a committee which included Roger Parshall, a CHS junior and editor of The Prophet who spoke against

the proposed guidelines, and Floyd Kucharski, faculty adviser to The Prophet who termed the guidelines "neither prudent nor necessary" but agreed to serve as a "resource person" to the committee.

Board treasurer Robert M. Erickson, who chaired that committee and brought back the amended guidelines which deleted the ban on "negative" articles, told the board Thursday night, "We couldn't seem to work together to produce these guidelines," adding that they were finally revised by Renbarger and himself because Kucharski and Parshall did not agree with them.

Kucharski told the board, "The practical result of these guidelines is that there will be no journalism class." All but four of the 20 students who were in the journalism class which produces The Prophet have decided not to re-enroll in the class in the spring.

DAVID B. McDOWELL, Clarenceville superintendent, has said that normally a class would be discontinued if its enrollment dropped below 15.

Leo Dalbo, a CHS math teacher, suggested a school paper run under the guidelines be supplemented by a publication purely for student opinions which would be distributed only in the school.

The board did not react to Dalbo's suggestion but unanimously approved the school-sponsored publications guidelines.

Renbarger's proposed guidelines for non-school supported publications were tabled.

Bussing Appeal Delayed

The Clarenceville Board of Education has adopted a "wait and see" policy in regards to applying for intervention into the Detroit school desegregation suit.

Several area boards have taken the advice of the law firm of Butzel, Long, Gust, Kleiman and Vande to intervene in the suit.

That law firm has been providing 54 area districts, including Clarenceville, with legal opinions about the progress of the suit before Federal Judge Stephen J. Roth.

At the advice of board attorney John F. Shantz and Supt. David B. McDowell, the board decided not to seek intervention now but called a special meeting for Tuesday (Feb. 1) night at 8 p.m. to hear further suggestions from Shantz and McDowell, who plan to attend a meeting of area superintendents on the suit earlier that day.

C'ville Student Conduct Penalties Put In Print

When Clarenceville High School students report to their homerooms Monday morning, they will each be given a copy of a student conduct policy that sets down penalties for specific offenses.

Dr. Ray Renbarger, CHS principal who drew up the policy, said it's actually an "implementation of the student conduct code" which was passed by the Clarenceville Board of Education Aug. 12.

"This (new) policy is an explanation to the students," Renbarger told the Observer.

THE PENALTY policies for specific offenses will formally go into effect Monday when the school year's second semester begins, Renbarger told the board of education at its meeting Thursday night. Since the new conduct policy was based on the code already passed by the board, it took no action on the policies Thursday night.

Two new regulations are included. They prohibit students from remaining in the halls during lunch hour

and from being in the gymnasium balcony and auditorium areas at any time during the day except when they are "under the direct supervision of a faculty member."

THE SPECIFIC offenses and their penalties outlined in the policy are:

Attending school under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and possession of alcohol or drugs on school property, both five days suspension; sales of alcohol or drugs on school property, 10 days suspension and notification of police.

Smoking in the high school, five days suspension; smoking on school grounds outside the building, three days suspension.

Repeated violations of school rules, five days suspension; refusal to comply with administrative disciplinary action, five days suspension; vandalism to school property, five days suspension and prosecution and restitution; stealing, five days suspension; disrupting "the orderly conduct of school

routine," 10 days suspension and recommendation for long term suspension or expulsion.

False fire alarms, 10 days suspension and referral to proper authorities; possession, concealment, use or threat to use dangerous weapons, 10 days suspension and referral to proper authorities; assault, 10 days suspension and recommendation for long term suspension or expulsion; fighting in school, suspension pending a conference with parents of all parties involved; threats of violence, personal harm or property damage, five days suspension.

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