

**Policy and Risk Management Committee
OEG IMC – September 14, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Membership:	Steve Obershaw	Connie Valenza
	Arlene Siss	Art Beaulieu
	Colleen McCabe	

I. Minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed.

II. Superintendent Valenza began the meeting with discussion on administrative rules vs policy. Talked about the difference between procedure and policy. Administrative guidelines don't need to be approved by the board. WASB recommends that policies be board approved and "rules" for the policies go to the board for informational purposes only. The board can direct and make suggestions regarding "rules" but each "rule" doesn't require board approval. Rules are a bit more fluid. Slight changes can be made without the need of a new policy.

Superintendent Valenza would like to revise policies during the referendum. Policy BBA: School Board Powers and Duties will be reviewed for suggestions.

Heather Connolly asked if the board needs to be involved in co-curricular assignments.

Superintendent Valenza stated that the board is not obligated to act on items that are not contractual. There was discussion on what the board does and doesn't do. What is the role of the board? What does the board see as their role? How do we inform the community of their role? Superintendent Valenza would like to look at and discuss these issues at a future board retreat.

III. Policy Issues:

- Superintendent Valenza requested that Josh Grabandt attend the committee meeting to explain conceal and carry – regarding former law enforcement retirees. Josh explained that in order for a former law enforcement officer to carry – they need to be in good standing when they retire. The question arose on how can we as a school district control who can carry as former law enforcements. Josh suggested that the board write what they want in policy. Suggested that we mention in policy such things as qualified, jurisdiction, local law agencies, etc. Discussion on removing qualified former enforcement officers from the policy. How do we know if they are qualified...and for how long/at what age? List expectations/board requirements that such individuals are listed and the school district is notified on an annual basis of such possession of a fire arm.

The board discussed #3 on Policy 832: Weapons on School Premises – “building principals may allow weapons on school premises for purpose of demonstration or educational presentations.” Should this be removed all together? When is it safe or not safe for our children in regards to weapons?

The committee members were in agreement to not go to the full board with the first reading of the policy 832. More discussion and changes are needed before the first reading.

Superintendent Valenza would like to start discussing a process for board policies. Possibly schedule a board retreat this fall sometime.

Arlene Siss suggested that we schedule votes on committee meeting items at a subsequent board meeting as opposed to the board meeting immediately following that evening. This would give more time to think through the issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner