

**Policy and Risk Management Committee
OEG IMC – October 12, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Membership:	Steve Obershaw Arlene Siss Colleen McCabe	Connie Valenza Art Beaulieu
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I. Minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed.

Superintendent Valenza opened the committee meeting with conversation regarding the new graduation requirements. The state has prepared a generic statement for schools to use. The generic statement is a minimum policy that schools have the choice to make additions or to leave as is. Schools can not take away any of the state required wording.

ReNah Reuter and Tim Engh briefly discussed the civics test requirement for all high school graduates. (Our current juniors will be the first class to have the required test for graduation). The civics test is essentially the citizenship test and can be taken any time and multiple times throughout the students' high school career. Each student must successfully pass the test with at least a 60% score. ReNah explained that the test will also be given to students with disabilities but the requirement to pass with a 60% score is not required for those students.

The committee discussed graduation credit amounts and concerns with math. Currently 2 math credits are needed to graduate. We are looking to require 3 credits of math next year and would look at our courses offered before requiring more than 3. Alternative math course options offered at the high school level were discussed. The committee believes that the majority of our students are successful in math but we need to do a better job at the middle and high levels to better prepare all our students to be successful.

Colleen shared concerns with the lack of life skills, guidance classes and health related courses at the middle school. Should the middle school have a stand-alone health class or should health skills be integrated into physical education classes. Students need accountability and a foundation for making healthy life skills. Scheduling time is very tight at the middle school but there should be more flexibility once the 4th graders move to Westview.

II. Policy Issues: Superintendent Valenza briefly spoke with the committee regarding Policy 832: Weapons on School Premises. There was brief discussion concerning identification needed to enter a school building. The committee members are in agreement that the policy is to go to the full board as a second and final reading.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner