

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Policy Committee of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Ms. Krista Flanagan at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office Meeting Room at 123 E. Grove Street in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin. The following committee members were present: Mr. Tim LeBrun, Mr. Dan Krause and Ms. Krista Flanagan.

Absent: None.

Other Board members present: Courtney Odorico and Troy Pankratz. Administrators present: Dr. Busler, Ms. Jonen, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Munding, Mr. Pliner and Ms. Weidensee.

Also present were Lt. Jennifer Pagenkopf, Officer Josh Kohlman and Ruti Trace, all of the Village of Oregon Police Department.

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer, and a certification of posting as required by Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Flanagan.

Mr. Krause moved to approve the agenda. Motion approved 3-0. Mr. Krause moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Policy meeting. Motion approved 3-0.

**A. Public Comment:**

None.

**B. Old Business:**

1. Policy 436 - Student Policy on Alcohol and/or Other Drugs: The Committee began by discussing the process and procedures for the random sniffs. Mr. Pliner walked through the procedures taken by school staff and law enforcement/K9 units during a random sniff. The Village of Oregon Police Department staff who were present explained that all the dogs are certified with a required 90% passing rate. The dogs can smell marijuana, cocaine, meth and heroin, and derivatives of them. The odor can remain for a long period of time. If there is an alert, school staff are the ones who search the lockers and law enforcement conduct the car searches. The citations issued so far have been municipal citations; a juvenile possession of marijuana is a fine of \$98.50. The goal is to develop a plan for the juvenile to make better choices. Mr. Pliner explained that the student sees our Student Assistance Program Coordinator and

has a pre-expulsion conference. The District also engages parents/guardians in this process. Mr. Pliner and Ms. Anderson explained that they educate the students beforehand in Advisory (OHS) and Connections (OMS) about the process that occurs in random sniffs.

The Committee then asked about the rationale for using the random sniffs as a tool. Mr. Pliner and Ms. Anderson explained they are supportive of a change to the temporary policy because it is one more tool the District can use to assist students that are struggling with substance abuse, and it is a deterrent that is less invasive. According to Mr. Pliner and Ms. Anderson, their survey data and anecdotal references indicate that there is support for random sniffs from parents, staff and students. Ms. Weidensee explained that the Student Services staff have not reported an increase in anxiety during the use of the canine units. The Special Education staff have a few students that are not comfortable with dogs, or not comfortable staying in one classroom for the time period, so extra steps are taken to support these students.

The Committee asked questions about case law regarding random canine sniffs and also the privacy rights of students. The Committee also expressed concern about using the canine units on the streets near schools as part of the school sniffs, which are not Oregon School District property. The Village of Oregon Police Department proposed having clear communication that the use of canine units on the streets near school is not within the school's authority and is solely a Village of Oregon Police Department decision.

The Village of Oregon Police Department requested that the random use of canine units be continued. They are willing to work with school staff to address any privacy concerns. They send out press releases because they try to get the information to the community as quickly as possible. The Committee expressed concerns about the details in the department's press releases that may infringe on student privacy rights. The Oregon Police Department met with Ms. Munding and Ms. Jonen on Tuesday to improve that process.

Mr. LeBrun moved that OSD continue the use of the random canine sniffs moving forward with a policy revision to be brought to a future Board meeting.

Mr. LeBrun and Ms. Flanagan voted yes. Mr. Krause voted no. Motion passes 2-1.

**C. New Business** - none.

**D. Future Business:** Policy 180 - Meetings;  
Discussion regarding student use of vaping/juling.

**E. Parking Lot:**

**F. Future Meetings:**

**G. Adjournment:** Mr. Krause moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.