



Chinook Public Schools

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At this meeting the board takes official action on agenda items. Items of information and discussion may be placed on the agenda, so the board has an opportunity to solicit input from the audience on issues not requiring action. The board is bound by ethical practice, district policy, negotiated agreements and Montana statute to protect the rights of employees; therefore, comments which might be construed as evaluative of the performance of a district employee are not allowed in an open meeting. The board has developed policies and procedures to process concerns about programs, curriculum, learning materials and personnel.

Regular February Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

6:30 PM

High School Auditorium

- I. Student Attendance Appeal** (Executive session)
- II. Superintendent Evaluation** (Executive session)

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7:00 PM, or after executive session, whichever occurs last

High School Auditorium

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call & Welcome of Visitors**
- IV. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Motion to Approve
 - 1. Minutes of previous regular and special meetings
 - 2. Records Disposal
 - 3. Approve Activity warrants
 - 4. Approve Payroll warrants
 - 5. Approve High School Warrants Action
 - 6. Approve Elementary Warrants Action
 - B. Approve Agenda (deletions, corrections, as allowed per policy)
- V. Correspondence, Reports and Petitions**
 - A. Announcements for the Chair/Communications
 - B. Public Comment for non-Agenda Items
 - C. Student Council Report
 - D. Presentations
 - E. Principal Reports
 - F. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Personnel / Staffing (Action)**
 - A. Resignations: Angie Fischer (Cheer/Pep Club)
 - B. Hiring: Janelle Deanon (cheer); Julie Terry (Pep Club); Brandon Nissen (Sub)
- VII. Old Business (Action/Discussion)**
 - A. Modification of Masking Protocol for Close Contacts
 - a. 5-day masking period or no masking period
 - B. Covid Related Leave for Staff
 - C. Return to School Plan (Standing Agenda Item)
 - D. 1900 Policy Series (Standing Agenda Item)
- IX. New Business (Action/Discussion)**
 - A. Student Attendance Appeal
 - B. Policy Review & Handbook Change re: Increasing the Penalty for Vaping
 - C. Trustees Call for Election
- X. Trustees comments and future agenda items**
- XI. Next Regular Meeting:** March 8th at 7:00 pm (High School Auditorium)
- XII. Adjournment**

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CHEMICAL & TOBACCO POLICY

No student shall distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor or unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid or any other controlled substance, before, during or after school hours at school or in any other school district location as defined below. Students who are discovered using or in possession of an electronic smoking device or its components at school or a school sanctioned event will be considered to be in possession of items reasonably determined to be drug Paraphernalia. In accordance with Chinook School District #10 policies 3310 and 3340, sanctions against the student, including immediate short-term and long-term suspension may be imposed.

GENERAL PARENT NOTIFICATION/EXPLANATION REGARDING POLICY CHANGE

As you may be aware, over the past decade, there has been a significant increase in the use of electronic smoking devices by high school students to “vape” tobacco and other nicotine products. In fact, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse for Teens, electronic smoking devices are the most commonly used form of nicotine delivery system among youth in the United States. Common additives used in electronic cigarettes include nicotine, flavorings and caffeine. In high doses, these substances may have negative effects on adolescent brain development.

Recently, however, an alarming new trend has arisen. Teens are no longer using these electronic smoking devices, referred to as “e-cigarettes,” simply to vape tobacco. These devices, now frequently referred to as “weed pens” and “weed vaporizers,” are instead being used to vape marijuana. Researchers have also recently reported that one in four high school students who use electronic smoking devices to vape marijuana use a method referred to as “dripping,” which generates higher heating coil temperatures than conventional devices and leads to greater emissions of a class of harmful chemicals known as “volatile aldehydes,” including formaldehyde and acrolein. Therefore, in addition to being illegal, marijuana vaping can have significant, dangerous health consequences.

Given the uncertainty of what substances are contained in these odorless electronic smoking devices, the inability of school officials to verify the contents of such devices through a visual or olfactory inspection, and the documented prevalence of using electronic smoking devices to vape dangerous concentrations of marijuana and other illicit substances; effective _____ students who are discovered using or in possession of an electronic smoking device or its components at school or a school sanctioned event will be considered to be in possession of items reasonably determined to be drug paraphernalia. In accordance with the Chinook School District Student #10 Student Discipline Policy (3310) and Student Extra and Co-Curricular Chemical Use Policy (3340), sanctions against the student, including immediate short-term or long-term suspension may be imposed.