

Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools  
Board Agenda  
Saunders County School District No. One  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Library, Ashland-Greenwood High School  
1842 Furnas, Ashland, NE 68003

Public Hearing  
7:30 PM

1. Call to Order. Roll Call.
2. Public Hearing on the 2010-11 Budget.
3. Adjournment

Regular Meeting  
To Follow Public Hearing

If this agenda is not completed by 11:00 p.m., the meeting should be recessed to a later date.

1. Call to Order. Roll Call.
2. Acknowledgement of Open Meetings Law posting
3. Approval of any changes in the mailed agenda.
4. Communications from the Public.
5. Administrative and Practitioners Reports
  - A. Mr. Jacobsen
  - B. Mrs. Bray
  - C. Ms. Finkey
  - D. Mr. Pease
6. Old Business
  - A. Consideration and action to adopt a 2010-11 Budget and to direct the Superintendent to take all necessary action to submit the budget in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska. Budget Booklet Enclosed
  - B. Consideration and action on Foundation appointments.
7. New Business
  - A. Consideration of board policy 1411 Relationships with Law Enforcement. Page 1-4
  - B. Consideration and action to approve additional substitute teachers.
  - C. Consideration and action on substitute teacher pay rate.
  - D. Consideration and action on surplus property. List to be distributed
  - E. Consideration and action on building project change orders.

## 8. Information Items

9. Other items presented by Board members for future consideration.

10. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are scheduled in the Library of the Ashland-Greenwood High School building at 1842 Furnas Street in Ashland. A public hearing will be held on the property tax request followed by a regular meeting. Generally during the months of October through January the board meets only on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

### *Notices:*

*COPY OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT: The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is posted on the North wall of the meeting room west of the main entrance.*

### *INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC FORUM:*

*Getting Started: When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, please come forward, sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet and state your name to the Board of Education.*

*Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit comments to 5 minutes or less.*

*Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments you make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at a Board meeting.*

*General Rules: Please remember that this is a meeting of the Board of Education held in public for conducting the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.*

## Community Relations

### Law Enforcement

It is the intent of the board that the employees of the district cooperate with law enforcement agencies in such a manner that the rights of the school, the home, civil authorities, and individuals be understood and protected.

The superintendent is charged with formulation of administrative regulations for implementation of this policy, including provisions for inservicing of employees about the rights of individuals. Such regulations shall include the following:

#### A. Removals of Students and Interviews of Students

In dealing with law enforcement officials, David City Public Schools employees are not to obstruct government operations or unreasonably refuse or fail to aid a peace officer, but are also to attempt to prevent undue interference with District operations or educational programming.

##### 1. Removals of Students by Law Enforcement Officials

Law enforcement officers should not be permitted to remove a child from school while the child is properly in attendance, without permission of the child's parent or guardian, except when legally authorized to do so. For purposes of this policy, a law enforcement officer is defined as: sheriffs, coroners, jailers, marshals, police officers, state highway patrol officers, members of the National Guard on active service by direction of the Governor during periods of emergency, and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §49-801).

Law enforcement officers may in the line of duty require a student to accompany him or her for questioning or detention either with or without an arrest warrant. A peace officer has the lawful authority to take immediate temporary custody of children under the age of 18 with an arrest warrant, or without a warrant or order of the court when:

- (1) the child has violated a state law or a municipal ordinance and the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the child committed such violation;
- (2) the child is seriously endangered in his or her surroundings and immediate removal appears to be necessary for the child's protection;
- (3) the officer believes the child to be mentally ill and dangerous as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-908 and that the harm described in that section is likely to occur before proceedings may be instituted before the juvenile court;
- (4) the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the juvenile has run away from his or her parent, guardian, or custodian;
- (5) a probation officer has reasonable cause to believe that a juvenile is in violation of probation and that the juvenile will attempt to leave the jurisdiction or place lives or property in danger; or
- (6) the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the juvenile is truant from school. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§43-418 and 43-248).

If a peace officer or probation officer requests to take custody of a student who is at that time under the control and jurisdiction of David City Public Schools, the following action is to be taken:

- a. Establish Authority to Remove. The student should be released after appropriate measures are taken and documented to ensure that the officer has the authority to take the student. The form attached as Exhibit "A" to this Policy may be used for this purpose.
- b. Notify Local Law Enforcement. In some instances there may be orders for custody of a student served by the officers with authority to arrest from outside the jurisdiction of David City Public Schools. Local law enforcement should be contacted and requested to participate in or monitor the removal.
- c. Notify Parent of Removal. When a principal or other school official releases a minor student to a peace officer for the purpose of removing the minor from the school premises, the principal or other school official shall take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian, or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor student to the officer and the place to which the student is reportedly being taken. Provided, however, when a minor student has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, the principal or other school official is not required to notify the parent or guardian, but shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor student's parents or guardian.

A student should not be released to a private detective or "special police officer" who is not an officer of a Nebraska political subdivision or an officer of an agency of the federal government without consent of the student's parent, guardian or custodian.

## 2. Interviews of Students by Law Enforcement Officials

Law enforcement officers and other law authorities should be urged to contact students for questioning outside the instructional day and off school premises whenever possible. When it is appropriate that such questioning occur, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- a. Interviews not related to District Events. If an interview of a student is requested during school hours concerning an ongoing investigation of a crime not related to David City Public Schools, questioning should not take place until the student's parent, guardian or custodian has been contacted and permission is given for such interview. The consent should be documented. The presence of a school employee during the interview is not necessary.
- b. Interviews not related to District Events. If the investigation relates to an incident which took place on school premises or during instructional time, it is not necessary to obtain consent of the student's parent, guardian or custodian. In these situations, an employee of the District should be present during the interview to ensure that the interview relates only to the incident which took place on school premises or during instructional time or something which is directly related thereto.

- c. Child Abuse or Neglect. If an investigator represents that an interview is necessary to collect information concerning an allegation of child abuse or neglect or an offense involving a family relation and it is clear that obtaining parental consent for the interview would be impossible or counter-productive, the interview may be conducted without consent of the student's parent, guardian or custodian. In these situations, an employee of David City Public Schools should be present during the interview to ensure that the interview relates only to those matters.
- d. Probation Officer Interview. A probation officer assigned to a student by a court may be allowed the opportunity, on request, to interview a student on school premises. In such situations, it is neither necessary nor desirable that a District employee be present during the interview. It also is not necessary to obtain the consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian.

3. Disclosure of Student Records

School employees shall not, in the course of dealing with a peace officer or probation officer, disclose any confidential student records or information from such student records other than in response to a court order or subpoena or as otherwise authorized by state law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

4. Removals and Interviews by Persons other than Law Enforcement Officials

A person who comes to school premises to interview a student or remove a student prior to the end of the student's instructional day must obtain permission of an administrator or designee.

Permission to remove is not to be granted without consent of the student's parent, guardian or custodian, or a person authorized by the student's parent, guardian or custodian to give such permission.

Permission to interview on subjects not related to school matters is not to be granted unless there is a clearly valid and proper reason for the interview and such is not disruptive to school operations or the student's educational program. Ordinarily such contacts shall be restricted to the student's parent, guardian or custodian or a friend of the family when an emergency or other similar circumstance exists.

5. Nothing in this policy shall prevent an officer or officers without parent permission from participating in school activities such as:
- visiting school and talking with students informally;
  - serving as a guest speaker in a classroom;
  - providing instruction to students on drug, alcohol and tobacco use education, gang resistance or other matters of personal safety; or
  - reviewing with students what is criminal behavior and the possible consequences of engaging in criminal behavior.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§43-248; 43-418; 79-294; 79-2,104  
20 U.S.C. §1232g (FERPA)

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