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Oakridge Board of Directors

Special Meeting

June 06, 2022

5:15 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Hardy, Director Samuelson, Director McPherson, Superintendent Doland, and Confidential Secretary Jayme Martin. Director Pope attended virtually.

Chair Martin called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:19pm.

2. Policy JGE – Expulsion Action Item

Superintendent Doland presented the Board with policy JGE - Expulsion with emphasis on page 2 section 2. The Board may delegate the authority to decide on an expulsion to the superintendent or a designee. A third party may be employed by the district to serve as the expulsion hearings officer. Superintendent Doland asked for discussion. She stated she has been in contact with a third party hearings officer in case one is needed.

Chair Martin stated he would like to delegate a third party person to be the hearings officer. He questioned the decision process. Superintendent Doland stated if the hearings officer made the decision, the Board would be the appeals process.

Director McPherson stated she has concerns with only one person making the decision on a student's expulsion.

Director Samuelson asked about alternative programs if a student is expelled. Superintendent Doland stated if a student is expelled, the district is required to provide alternative education.

The process was discussed regarding the final decision of the hearings officer and if the family wanted to appeal the decision, then it would go to the Board for review.

Superintendent Doland went over the process of the hearing.

Director Pope stated he liked having a third party involved with sections 10 and 11 of the policy as caveats.

Chair Martin stated he preferred section 10 of policy JGE in which Superintendent Doland appoints a hearings officer and the Board makes the final decision. Superintendent Doland clarified the hearings officer make a recommendation to the Board. Vice Chair Hardy asked what happens if the decision is to be appealed. Chair Martin stated he spoke with pre-loss and they stated if the Board is making the decision, there would be no appeals process. It would then have to be a lawsuit. Chair Martin stated he agreed that the decision should not be left solely with one person, but rather a group decision.

Director Pope agreed with using section 10.

Discussion was had regarding the policy being updated.

*Director McPherson moved to use section 10 of policy JGE – Expulsion granting the Superintendent authority to engage a 3rd party hearing officer.
Director Samuelson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all directors voting yes.*

Superintendent Doland spoke about the timeline, stating a hearings officer will hold fact finding meetings with the referring administrator and the family. Then the hearings officer will bring the recommendation to the Board which will be held in executive session unless the family wants it in open session. Chair Martin requested Superintendent Doland ask the family if they wanted the meeting to be held in Open Session. He suggested the

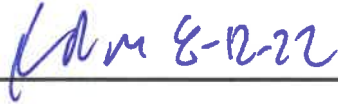
meeting could be held Monday the 13th prior to the Regular Board Meeting. There was consensus on timeframe from the rest of the Board.

Discussion was had regarding graduation.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm

APPROVED:


RM
Chairman
Superintendent