SECOND READING BY BOARD

po7440.03

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7440.03 - **SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (Drones)**

~~The Board prohibits the operation of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), commonly known as drones, at any time on a property that is owned or leased or contracted for by the Board at any time by any individual who is not authorized to do so by the Superintendent.~~

~~**[ ] Option 1**~~

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~~The Board prohibits the operation of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), commonly known as drones, at any time on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board by any individual, whether the individual is employed by the District or not.~~

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~~Any individual who violates this policy~~ ~~**( )**~~ ~~may be~~ ~~**( )**~~ ~~shall be~~ ~~**[END OF OPTION]**~~ ~~referred to local law enforcement and/or subject to discipline, if an employee or student.~~

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~~**[End of Option 1]**~~

A drone may be operated over property owned by the District during periods when the school is open to students for instruction or when the property is being used for an event approved by the Board at the express authorization of the Board. The Board shall respond to a request for authorization within five (5) business days of receiving the request. **(X)** The Board designates this responsibility to the **(X)** Superintendent.

If sUAS (drones) are used during high school athletic activities and/or events, the use will adhere to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) administrative policies and procedures.

To be authorized to operate a drone on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, the individual or organization granted permission by the Board ~~a staff member or administrator or vendor employed by the Board~~ must meet all criteria for the operation of and comply with all requirements and restrictions pertaining to the operation of any sUAS established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

(See AG 7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones))

Failure to adhere by applicable regulations and AG 7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) may result in loss of authorization to operate a drone on property owned or leased or contracted for by the Board, referral to local law enforcement, and/or further disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

A drone(s) may be operated over property owned by the District at the direction of the sheriff or the chief of a public protective agency having jurisdiction over the territory on which the District property is located for any of the following purposes:

1. to assist in an active search and rescue operation;

2. to locate an escaped prisoner;

3. to surveil a place or location for the purpose of executing an arrest warrant; or,

4. when a law enforcement officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that the use of a drone is necessary to prevent imminent danger to an individual or to prevent imminent destruction of evidence.

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