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### School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Cell Phone Policy  
Presenter(s): Bob Jaszczak, Superintendent

#### Nature of Action Requested

Board Action   
Board Information or Report

#### Background Information

The board will discuss the current cell phone policy.

The schools District's cell phone policy is included in Policy 524. Below is this portion of Policy 524

#### XVI. CELL PHONE USE

- A. Students are prohibited from using cell phones and other electronic communication devices during the instructional day. Students also are prohibited from using a cell phone or other electronic communication device to engage in conduct prohibited by school district policies including, but not limited to, cheating, bullying, harassment, and malicious and sadistic conduct.
- B. If the school district has a reasonable suspicion that a student has violated a school policy, rule, or law by use of a cell phone or other electronic communication device, the school district may search the device. The search of the device will be reasonably related in scope to the circumstances justifying the search.
- C. Students who use an electronic communication device during the school day and/or in violation of school district policies may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the school district's discipline policy. In addition, a student's cell phone or electronic communication device may be confiscated by the school district and, if applicable, provided to law enforcement. Cell phones or other electronic communication devices that are confiscated and retained by the school district will be returned in accordance with school building procedures.

## **Handbook Supplements by building**

### **Red Wing High School:**

At Red Wing High School, cell phones/personal computers are not to be seen or heard.

The following procedure will be followed if the cellphone is used during class.

1st Offense- the cellphone will be placed on the teacher's desk until the end of the class period.

2nd Offense- the cellphone will be picked up by a hall supervisor and brought to the office. The cellphone can be picked up at the end of 7th period.

3rd Offense- the cellphone will be picked up by a hall supervisor and brought to the office, it can be picked up at the end of 7th period. A conference will be scheduled with the parent, student, teacher, and administrator to discuss the ongoing cellphone use during class.

### **Twin Bluff Middle School:**

Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices Students are prohibited from using personal cell phones and other electronic devices during the instructional day. These devices must be stored in their locker in silent or "off" mode from the student's arrival at school until dismissal at the end of the day. A cell phone or other electronic device used or visible during the instructional day will be confiscated and turned into the office.

If students need to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should request to go to the main office to use an office phone.

Students may be subject to disciplinary action if their use of their cell phone disrupts the school's educational environment. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: cheating, bullying, harassment, unlawful recording or photographing, violating other school rules.

The school and its staff are not responsible for any damage to or theft of a student's cell phone. Students must properly secure and take care of their own phones. If students violate the school's cell phone policy, the following may occur:

- First offense: The student's cell phone will be taken away by a staff member and held in the Student Services Office until the end of the school day. When the student picks up their phone at the end of the day, the student will discuss and review the cell phone policy with a staff member.
- Second offense: The student's cell phone will be taken away and held in the Student Services Office until the end of the school day. The student's parents/guardians will be contacted and informed of the refusal to follow the school's cell phone policy.
- Third offense: The student's cell phone will be taken away and held in the Student Services Office until the end of the day. Students may pick up their phones following after-school detention.
- Subsequent offenses: The student will receive after-school detention with additional reteaching and parents/guardians will be required to pick up the device from the Main Office at their convenience. If behaviors continue, students may be required to turn devices into Student Services upon arrival at school and may pick it up during departure.