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## **Vaporizer smoking subject of possible policy revision**

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Based on the latest smoking fad, a North Hunterdon-Voorhees board member called for a clarification on the district's substance abuse policy.

During the meeting on Oct. 13, board member Francis Goger asked to clarify the board policy on banned substances to include the district policy on electronic vaprizers used for smoking. He pointed to an instance where a student was suspended due to having a vaporizer in his backpack.

"To suspend a kid for ten days is the same as having an illegal substance, I just think we need to take a closer look at that policy," Goger said. "I just think these things have come on so fast that the policies are not really keeping up to speed."

He said vaporizers have already been confiscated at both schools and there is "a lot of misinformation" in the board substance abuse policy on the devices.

Goger noted in the Voorhees student handbook, it states students with vaporizers will get a detention and parents will be called.

"It kind of contradicted the actual substance abuse policy, which is being interpreted as drug paraphernalia," he said. "The students are not very clear about what kind of trouble

they could get into for having those things."

Board President John Kulick said it would be worthwhile to review the policy before it is given a final public reading. "There shouldn't be ambiguity here so students are in doubt or parents are in doubt about the consequences," he said.

The district, along with Delaware Valley and Hunterdon Central high schools, defines an electronic smoking device as being the same as smoking a regular cigarette. The items are not permitted on school grounds. All five high schools in the county don't specifically define vaporized smoking in their board policies on substance abuse.

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