School Board Meeting: May 10, 2010

**Subject:** Policy #610 Field Trips

Presenter: Tom Bauman

## **SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Review

## **DESCRIPTION:**

## Commercial, School Owned and Private Vehicles-Transporting Students

The following edit (in red) to Policy 610 Field Trips has been suggested and awaits approval. Other procedures suggested are listed below.......

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Transportation shall be furnished through a commercial carrier or school-owned vehicle. In the event a school owned vehicle is not available, a staff member's private vehicle may be used. Driver must have completed Class III Training, must show proof of insurance, and be notified before the trip that owner's personal, private vehicle insurance now assumes liability. (Staff Handbooks)

Legal References: Minn. Stat. 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)

Minn. Stat. 123B.37 (Prohibited Fees)

Minn. Stat. 123B.49 (Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities;

Insurance

- 1. Someone other than a staff member, (Eg. Parent or Guardian), may take on the responsibility of transporting students in school owned vehicles, if they complete Class III Training, and if a criminal background check is also completed prior to the event. No parental or guardian permission is needed under these circumstances.
- 2. Notification and approval is necessary for parents or guardians to transport their own students to and from events in their own private vehicles; however, coaches/advisors may still require that students travel together in a school sponsored vehicle.
- 3. Under only special circumstances, someone other than a staff member, (Eg. Parent or Guardian) may take on the responsibility of driving students using their own private vehicle. If such parent or guardian is transporting students other than their own children in a private vehicle, they must have completed and signed a consent form taking

responsibility for the named students to be transported. Written permission must also be given by the parent or guardian allowing their students to be transported by another parent or guardian.

(Form: Transportation Private Vehicle)

4. Off-site Practices/Contests-Commercial carrier or school vehicle will be offered for practices/contests away from the school campus site. A waiver may be signed by students to opt out of the offer for district transportation. The same waiver should have specific parent approval identifying allowable means of transportation for their students (Form: Waiver of District Transportation)