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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation,
IMG, IMG-R, *Animals in Schools* (second reading)

SUBMITTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

Policy IMG and Regulation IMG-R are coming forward for revision to distinguish requirements for service animals from non-service animals.

After the first reading, there were three recommendations for revisions to policy IMG.

- The paragraph defining service animals was moved higher in the policy for better readability.
- Language was added to direct the district to work with all affected parties if an allergy exists with students in the classroom where a service animal is being used.
- Language was added to indicate that the owner of the service animal is liable for any damage to the district or personal property and any injuries to individuals caused by the owner's animal while on district property.

Other revisions to Policy IMG discussed at the first reading include:

- The statement that an animal's laminated identification card may be requested for verification was removed as it is not permissible to request verification of a service animal.

- Language was added to indicate that students are allowed to bring service animals to school and to school activities in accordance with federal law.
- Language was also added to indicate that the district will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities who use service animals when the work or tasks performed by the animal are directly related to the individual's disability.
- The updated date of adoption has also been revised.

Regulation IMG-R

The regulation was revised so that it only pertains to non-service animals.

The documentation requirements for animals in the section for non-service animals were revised. Documentation, certification, or registration are not required for service animals. These will still be required documents for animals brought to school that are non-service animals.

There were minor terminology revisions so that the regulation consistently refers to non-service animals.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve revisions to Policy and Regulation, IMG, IMG-R, *Animals in Schools*, as presented.