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POLICY ADVISORY DISCUSSION

Summary

The following Policy Advisories reflect legislation enacted during the Fifty-seventh Legislature, Second Regular Session, which convened in January 2026 and adjourned sine die on June 13, 2026. The general effective date for these bills is September 12, 2026, unless otherwise specified.

Policy Advisory Discussion

Policy Advisory No. 1047

Policy BEDB — Agenda

This revision reflects the requirements of Chapter 62, HB 2876, amending Arizona's Open Meeting Law. The legislation prohibits a public body from placing a proposal to impose or increase a tax rate, assessment, or fee on a consent agenda. It also provides that any matter discussed in executive session that requires a final vote or decision by the Governing Board must be placed on the regular agenda and may not be included on the consent agenda. These changes reinforce the Open Meeting Law requirement that significant matters requiring Board action be considered as individual agenda items rather than as part of a consent agenda.

Policy Advisory No. 1048

Policy CBA — Qualifications and Duties of The Superintendent

This revision reflects the requirements of Chapter 58, HB 2370, amending A.R.S. 15-341. The policy now provides that if the District has a weapons detection system at a school operated by the District, the Governing Board may authorize the Superintendent to modify the system without prior Governing Board approval. The policy also incorporates the statutory requirements that the Superintendent report each modification to the Governing Board within twenty-four (24) hours and that no other person may be authorized to modify the system without prior Governing Board approval.

Policy Advisory No. 1049

Policy DJ —Purchasing Ethics

This revision incorporates the guidance in the Arizona Auditor General's Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) regarding the approval and documentation of food and beverage purchases made with public monies.

Although A.R.S. 15-342(39) authorizes Governing Boards to provide food and beverages at District events, including official school functions and trainings, the updated USFR provides guidance indicating that Governing Boards are responsible for approving such purchases in advance or, alternatively, adopting a sufficiently detailed policy or resolution delegating approval authority. The added language incorporates the USFR's recommended process for advance Governing Board approval of individual food and beverage purchases, including documentation of the approved expenditure, funding source, public purpose, District benefit, and compliance with applicable law and funding restrictions.

Districts choosing to authorize food and beverage purchases through a standing policy or resolution rather than individual Governing Board approval should ensure their local policy or resolution includes the specific parameters outlined in the USFR.

Policy Advisory No. 1050 Policy DJE — Bidding / Purchasing Procedures

This revision reflects the 2027 Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) update increasing the threshold for written price quotations from ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The policy now provides that purchases of at least fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) require written price quotations from at least three (3) vendors.

Policy Advisory No. 1051

Policy IHA — Basic Instructional Program

This revision reflects the requirements of Chapter 92, HB 2423, amending A.R.S. 15-708. If an advanced mathematics course is available, the policy now provides for the automatic enrollment of qualifying students entering grades six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) in the next advanced mathematics course, unless the student's parent objects. The policy also incorporates the statutory requirement that the District notify the student's parent of the purpose and goals of the automatic enrollment and provide instructions for objecting to the placement.

Policy Advisory No. 1052 Regulation IHB-R — Special Instructional Programs

ASBA previously notified districts of this statutory change in a 2025 Policy Alert following the enactment of Chapter 196 (HB 2170). This revision incorporates that requirement into the model regulation by providing that when a pupil is determined to need special education and related services because of a specific learning disability, the pupil's Individualized

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Governing Board

The District's Governing Board members and employees shall not use their offices or positions to receive any valuable things or benefits that would not ordinarily accrue to them in the performance of duties if the things or benefits are of such value or character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the performance of their duties.

Food and Beverages

The Governing Board may provide food and beverages at School District events, including official school functions and trainings, as allowed by the Arizona Constitution, laws pertaining to travel and subsistence, gifts, grants (including federal grants), or devises, and policies of the Department of Education.

Food and beverage purchases shall be approved in advance by the Governing Board. For each purchase, the Governing Board will approve the total amount to be spent or an allowable per-person cost and identify the District fund to be used. The District will document how the purchase benefits the District and serves a public purpose and will determine that the purchase complies with applicable state law, the Arizona Constitution's Gift Clause, and the allowable uses of the identified funding source.

Personal Gift or Benefit

A person who supervises or participates in contracts, purchases, payments, claims or other financial transactions, or a person who supervises or participates in the planning, recommending, selecting or contracting for materials, services, goods, construction, or construction services of a school district or school purchasing cooperative is guilty of a Class 6 felony if the person solicits, accepts or agrees to accept any personal gift or benefit with a value of three hundred dollars (\$300) or more from a person or vendor that has secured or has taken steps to secure a contract, purchase, payment, claim or financial transaction with the school district or school purchasing cooperative. Soliciting, accepting or agreeing to accept any personal gift or benefit with a value of less than three hundred dollars (\$300) is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Any person or vendor who has secured or has taken steps to secure a contract, purchase, payment, claim or financial transaction with a school district or school purchasing cooperative that offers, confers or agrees to confer any personal gift or benefit with a value of three hundred dollars (\$300) or more on a person who supervises or participates in contracts, purchases, payments, claims or other financial transactions, or on a person who supervises or participates in planning,

recommending, selecting or contracting for materials, services, goods, construction or construction services of a school district or school purchasing cooperative, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. Offering, conferring or agreeing to confer any personal gift or benefit with a value of less than three hundred dollars (\$300) is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, a *gift* or *benefit* means a payment, distribution, expenditure, advance, deposit or donation of monies, any intangible personal property or any kind of tangible personal or real property. A *gift* or *benefit* does not include an item of nominal value such as a greeting card, t-shirt, mug or pen. A *gift* or *benefit* does not include food or beverage, or expenses or sponsorships relating to a special event or function to which individuals involved in procurement and purchasing are invited.

Reprisals

A District employee who has control over personnel actions may not take reprisal against a District employee or that employee's disclosure of information that is a matter of public concern, including a violation of District policy or laws/regulations governing the District.

Adopted: _____

LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

15-213

15-323

15-341

15-342

38-501 to 38-511

A.A.C.

R7-2-1001 to R7-2-1003

R7-2-1308

Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR)

Article IX, section 7, Constitution of Arizona

Policies adopted by the Department of Education

CROSS REF.:

DJE - Bidding/Purchasing Procedures

GBEAA - Conflict of Interest