

TASB POLICY UPDATE 85 LOCAL POLICES
June 30, 2009

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a first reading approval on TASB Policy Update 85 Local policies:

- CNB(LOCAL): TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT - DISTRICT VEHICLES
- CQ(LOCAL): ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT
- DBB(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS - MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
- FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS
- GRA(LOCAL): RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES - LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed these policies as a workshop topic at the June 23, 2009 board meeting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This Update incorporates revised federal regulations for three significant laws: the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The Update also addresses the use of district vehicles and DAEP's, master teacher grant programs, and criminal history checks of employees who for entities that contract with the district.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The district must have school policies that are consistent with current laws and appropriately communicate local policy issues. Policies are classified as either "Legal" or "Local" in design. A "Legal" policy is a statement of existing law or of binding legal decisions and as such do not require Board approval. Local policies are decisions made at the local level that reflect district decisions and practices and do require approval. Legal policies are always included in updates so local policy development occurs within the context of binding law.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

To allow the Board to evaluate and ensure that these policies reflect the practices of the District.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The Board will review the proposed change in workshop setting and then formally conduct two readings with the second requesting final approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following options are available to the Board:

- continue to study the policy
- modify the existing language
- approve policies as written and submitted by TASB

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

For the Board to approve on first reading the adoption of TASB Policy Update 85 Local policies as submitted

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ray Braswell, Superintendent
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

ATTACHMENT:

The proposed changes to Local policies are attached.

Signature of Superintendent: _____
Comments: _____