



Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: July 21, 2020 Date of This Proposal: July 13, 2020

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Consideration and approval of the adoption of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) localized Board Policy Manual for Wharton County Junior College.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consideration and approval of the adoption of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) localized Board Policy Manual for Wharton County Junior College.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The goal of localizing our policy manual with TASB is to produce a comprehensive, current, and legally sound policy manual for use by the Board and administration. TASB regularly monitors the legal landscape involving federal and state law, court case rulings, and agency and accreditation requirements to ensure that the college's policies are current and in compliance. TASB modifies existing (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) policies as changes occur. TASB provides, as applicable, opportunities for the Board to personalize (LOCAL) policies to reflect desired Board governance.

As part of the Wharton County Junior College subscription, TASB personnel will update and maintain the college's Board Policy Manual on-line through a link on the college's website. TASB attorneys will draft (LOCAL) policy language and review this policy language to ensure that it is in compliance with all legal requirements and avoids unintentional conflicts with other board adopted policies. This TASB service results in substantial savings to the college in reduced legal fees for the college's own attorney to draft similar policy language, and provides a cost-effective mechanism for the college to keep the Board Policy Manual current and in compliance. Currently forty (40) of the fifty (50) community colleges in Texas use TASB to maintain their board policy manuals.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$ Part of original cost -
1-time cost \$1,700 for installing
policy manual Board

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Kay Shoppa, Legislative Assistant to the President

Betty McCrohan, President

SIGNATURES:

Betty McCrohan
Originator

7-13-20
Date

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL: