

School Board Meeting:

July 14, 2008

Subject:

Policies

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Board action is not required for the first reading of policies.

DESCRIPTION:

A goal of the Human Resource Department is to work with other departments and the Superintendent's Office to ensure all district policies and procedures are reviewed in the next two years. This includes revising current policies and procedures to auditing required policies for compliance.

First Reading of a New Policy (No Board Action Required)

The following new policies are being presented to the School Board for first reading:

- Policy # 207 – Public Hearings
 MSBA recommended policy

The Board of Education recently held a public hearing regarding the establishment of a parking fee at the high school. This policy outlines when public hearings are required and suggests guidelines on how to run a public hearing. The hearing process can be determined by the Board of Education at any time. Again, this is not a required policy and the Board may decide whether or not to approve it.

- Policy # 904 – Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons (former 1220 Flyer Distribution)
 MSBA recommended Policy

Many requests are received to distribute information to students/staff during the school year. This revision uses the MSBA recommended language along with some guidelines from our current policy.

- Policy # 905 – Advertising (former 1140 Advertising)
 MSBA recommended Policy

Many requests are received regarding the use of advertising in our schools from event programs to fundraisers. The district has established a Partnership/Advertising Committee to handle these requests. This policy revision uses the MSBA recommended language along with references to our Partnership/Advertising Committee and some guidelines from our current policy.

First Reading to Delete a Policy (No Board Action Required)

The following polices are being presented to the School Board for first reading to delete:

- Policy # 1120 – Monetary and Material Gifts to Schools
 Other – Replaced with 706 Acceptance of Gifts

- Policy # 1200 – Public Concerns/Complaints About School Personnel
 Other – Replaced with 103 Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other persons

- Policy # 1500 – Shared Time
 Other – This is not a mandatory policy.

Formal agreements will govern these situations.

- Policy # 5485 – Equal Access to Facilities
 Other – Replaced with 801 Equal Access to School Facilities

- Policy # 6125 – Inclement Weather
 Other – This is not a mandatory policy.

The district has a detailed process in place concerning the closing or cancellation of school due to weather and/or emergency situations. No policy is required.