



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of TASB Board Policy Revisions Related to Update 113
BBE(LOCAL)– Board Members: Authority
BBD(LOCAL)– Board Internal Organization: Attorney
BJCD(LOCAL)– Superintendent: Evaluation
CI(LOCAL)– School Properties Disposal
CO(LOCAL)– Food and Nutrition Management
COA(LOCAL)– Food and Nutrition Management: Procurement
COB(LOCAL)– Food and Nutrition Management: Free and Reduced-Price Meals
CRB(LOCAL)- Insurance and Annuities Management: Liability Insurance
EHBAF(LOCAL)– Special Education: Video/Audio Monitoring
FNF(LOCAL)– Student Rights and Responsibilities: Investigations and Searches

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) issues Board policy updates several times each year. The District has received TASB Board Policy Update 113, which suggests changes to a number of local Board policies, as summarized below. The first reading of these policy revisions occurred at the July 15, 2019 Board meeting.

Impacted Board Policy summary:

- BBE(LOCAL)– Board Members: Authority
Clarifies that when a board member is provided access to confidential records district staff will inform the board member about compliance with security controls.
- BBD(LOCAL)– Board Internal Organization: Attorney
Recommends changes that many law firms use an engagement letter rather than a contract, that a board president/board designee, not just the superintendent may obtain and report legal advice to the entire board.
- BJCD(LOCAL)– Superintendent: Evaluation
Revision streamlines this policy by deleting specifics, change was prompted by the updates to the Administrative Code rules, also includes change that superintendent may request an open meeting.
- CI(LOCAL)– School Properties Disposal
Clarifies the scope of authority to include district vehicles and other district personal property for disposal, adds a statement that includes instructional materials, and clarifies property obtained with federal funds must be managed in accordance with federal law.

- CO(LOCAL)– Food and Nutrition Management
Expands the provision authorizing the superintendent to develop regulations on the donation of food or other disposal methods the district might want to permit. A change in Federal Law deletes the specific references to reimbursable meals/alternate meals to provide parameters under which meals shall be served to a student who has insufficient funds.
- COA(LOCAL)– Food and Nutrition Management: Procurement
Policy inclusion is to comply with state and federal procurement rules on use of child nutrition funds. Assigns responsibility to the superintendent to oversee the use of federal child nutrition funds and to determine whether the district will apply a geographic preference when procuring agricultural products.
- COB(LOCAL)– Food and Nutrition Management: Free and Reduced-Price Meals
New local policy to address elements of the federal free and reduced-price meal programs; including student and parent appeals regarding eligibility, and requirement to inform individuals alleging discrimination in school meal programs based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability of the procedures to file a complaint with the Texas and U.S. Departments of Agriculture.
- CRB(LOCAL)- Insurance and Annuities Management: Liability Insurance
It is recommended to delete this policy which addresses the various types of insurance the district will purchase as these decisions are made during the budget process and there is no requirement to reflect these decisions in board policy.
- EHBAF(LOCAL)– Special Education: Video/Audio Monitoring
Changes are based on the revised Administrative Code rules that were effective January 31, 2019. Included are the following changes: requests for cameras to be installed the following school year must be in writing, the addition of the statement that the cameras must operate during the instructional day at all times when “one or more” students are in the classroom, revision of language regarding areas used for changing a student’s clothes, reference to “release” of video recordings to specified individuals at Confidentiality of Recordings, and at Complaints, new provisions addressing ability of parent, staff, member or administrator to request an expedited review of certain complaints by TEA.
- FNF(LOCAL)– Student Rights and Responsibilities: Investigations and Searches
There are significant revisions to align with common practices and current case law which includes: affirms district officials may question a student and students may not refuse to answer questions based on the right to not incriminate themselves, that students have no expectation for privacy in district property and property may be searched at any time without notice and includes blanket searches, general search provisions outline the districts authority to conduct searches of students, their belongings, and vehicles in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner, explains when district officials may initiate a search and the standard for conducting a reasonable-suspicion search, and permits conducting metal detector searches and trained dogs to screen a student’s belongings or an area. In addition, TASB recommends that the details of the district’s drug-testing program for extracurricular activity participants be removed from board policy and addressed in administrative procedures and communicated to students and parents in the student handbook.

FISCAL INFORMATION: None

ATTACHMENTS: TASB Board Policy Update 113 Draft Proposed Board Policies:
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BJCD(LOCAL)– Superintendent: Evaluation
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Insurance
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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends that the Board approve the policy revisions a presented in this Update 113.