RESOLUTION 25-016 Approval for First Reading of Board Policy GBM-Staff Complaints

Background: The updates made to this board policy align with MESD's practice.

- WHEREAS, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee reviewed and discussed Board Policy GBM-Staff Complaints; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt Policy GBM-Staff Complaints; and
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Board Policy GBM-Staff Complaints is approved for first reading as written or as further modified.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that if no further discussion is required, Board Policy GBM-Staff Complaints, is approved as proposed and does not require a second reading.

Multnomah Education Service District

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Orig. Code(s): 3820

Staff Complaints

The superintendent or designee will shall develop a complaint procedure, which will shall be available for all employees who believe there is evidence of, and wishes to report contend they have been subject to a violation, misinterpretation or inappropriate application of district personnel policies and/or administrative regulations.; a mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority; or believe there is evidence that the MESD created a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety by its actions. Staff are encouraged to resolve concerns informally. However, the Board recognizes the need to The complaint procedure shall provide for the an orderly process for the consideration and resolution of any complaint arising out of an alleged violation, of problems in the application or interpretation or inappropriate application of MESD personnel policies, administrative regulations or procedures.

Any employee who is subject to collective bargaining, and has access to complaint procedures in the collective bargaining agreement, shall utilize the complaint procedures.

The complaint procedure shall not be used to resolve disputes and disagreements related to the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor shall it be used in any instance where a collective bargaining agreement provides a dispute resolution procedure. Disputes concerning an employee's dismissal, contract non-renewal, or contract non-extension shall not be processed under this procedure.

Any employee who is not subject to collective bargaining may file a complaint through the administrative regulations developed by the Superintendent and Cabinet.

Reasonable efforts shall be made to resolve complaints informally.

Administrative regulations will shall be developed to outline procedural timelines and steps under this policy, as necessary. The MESD will use the designated complaint process in administrative regulation GBM-AR - Public Complaints Procedure to address any alleged violations of this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 334.125 ORS 659A.199

OAR 581-024-0245

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984). Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals AB - Mission, Vision, Values

AC - Non-Discrimination

GB - Personnel Policies

JFH - Student Complaints

KLD - Public Complaints about MESD Personnel