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Board of Education

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**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Consider Adopting Board Related Policy Changes

**DATE:** January 24, 2021

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Martin Mahan  
Deputy Superintendent

**VISION 2023 STRATEGY:** All

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

A board policy committee met October 27 and November 2 with administration and the district's legal counsel to discuss updates to current board policies to reflect the most recent recommendations provided by the Arkansas School Board Association (ASBA). The new policies will have specific references to Arkansas statutes in the policies and can be quickly updated as statutes change.

Attached are the proposed board policies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A board policy committee and the administration recommend the board approve for second reading changes to Board Policies: Section 1 – Board Governance and Operations, Section 2 – Administration and Section 6 – Home and Community Relations as presented to be effective upon board approval.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: *move to* approve for second reading the Board Policies: Section 1 – Board Governance and Operations, Section 2 – Administration and Section 6 – Home and Community Relations as presented to be effective upon board approval.

**VISION 2023 STRATEGIES** - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.