Approval of TASB Update 110 Local Policies & CE (Local) Annual Operating Budget – 1st Reading April 10, 2018

SUMMARY:

Local policies included in Update 109:

Update 110 focuses on updating and reorganizing several policies in the BB series of the policy manual addressing board member eligibility and qualifications, elections, and vacancies and removal from office. The policy on board elections has been divided into several codes for ease of use, and district choices about election processes are now located in BBB(LOCAL) rather than in the LEGAL policies to better match the structure of the other policies in the manual. CCA, addressing bond elections, and CPAB, addressing political advertising, were also updated as part of the elections review. In addition to these changes, Update 110 includes several other policies affected by legislation from the 85th Legislative Session that were not included in Update 109.

Local policies included in Update 110:

• BBB(LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS - ELECTIONS

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 110 policy revisions at the March 20, 2018 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 110 contains 10 legal and 1 local policy.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The district must have school policies that are consistent with current laws and appropriately communicate local policy issues. Policies are classified as either "Legal" or "Local" in design. A "Legal" policy is a statement of existing law or of binding legal decisions and as such do not require Board approval. Local policies are decisions made at the local level that reflect district decisions and practices and do require approval. Legal policies are always included in updates so local policy development occurs within the context of binding law.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

To allow the Board to evaluate and ensure that these policies reflect the practices of the District.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Because the law requires districts to adopt a local policy so quickly, districts are allowed to implement the process for emergency adoption with one reading.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following options are available to the Board:

- continue to study the policy
- modify the existing language
- approve policies as written and submitted by TASB

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve TASB Update 110 local policy and Policy CE (Local) Annual Operating Budget on first reading.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 110 Local Policy CE (Local) Annual Operating Budget