

TASB POLICY UPDATE 86 LOCAL POLICES
February 9, 2010

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a second reading approval on TASB Policy Update 86 Local policies:

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed these policies as a workshop topic at the December 8, 2009 and 1st Reading on January 19, 2010 board meeting.

- CFD(LOCAL): ACCOUNTING - ACTIVITY FUNDS MANAGEMENT
- CLB(LOCAL): BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT - MAINTENANCE
- CV(LOCAL): FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION
- DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
- EIA(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS
- EIE(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - RETENTION AND PROMOTION
- EIF(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - GRADUATION
- FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS
- FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
- FEC(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Recommended Deletions:

- FDD(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - MILITARY DEPENDENTS
- FFAD(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 86 addresses a variety of topics, including election procedures, content of the district improvement plan, activity funds management, purchasing, energy conservation, integrated pest management, electronic textbooks, transportation safety, criminal history checks, incentive and mentor teacher programs, assault leave, employee grievances, the Public Information Act, physical education, graduation requirements, military dependents, grading, the Student Success Initiative, student absences, and student discipline.

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:

The Board will review the proposed change in workshop setting and then formally conduct two readings with the second requesting final approval.

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:

For the Board to approve on second reading the adoption of TASB Policy Update 86 Local policies as submitted

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ray Braswell, Superintendent
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

ATTACHMENT:

The proposed changes to Local policies are attached.

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____