

**Approval of Update 101 Local Policies – 2nd Reading
March 10, 2015**

SUMMARY:

Update 101 incorporates recent changes to the Administrative Code regarding board member training, depository contracts, superintendent severance payments, school nutrition policies, child abuse and neglect, and various instruction topics. A recent commissioner of education decision prompted changes to all three of the local policies addressing grievances. Other local policies in Update 101 address purchasing, including submission of electronic bids or proposals, and the authority to approve variations to the school calendar and close schools for reasons of public health and safety.

Local policies included in Update 101:

- BE(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS
- CH(LOCAL): PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION
- DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
- EB(LOCAL): SCHOOL YEAR
- FFG(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- FNG(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
- GF(LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed TASB Update 101 policy revisions at the January 20, 2015 board meeting and first reading on February 17, 2015.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 101 includes 22 legal, 7 local policies and 5 exhibits.

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 101 local policies on second reading as presented.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

James K. Wilson III, Superintendent
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 101 Local Policies