

Policy Revisions to CW (LOCAL) & CW (EXHIBIT)

December 12, 2006

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of CW (Local) "Naming of Facilities" and CW (Local) Exhibit.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board has previously reviewed to documents in Workshop Session November 14, 2006.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The need to revise CW Local "Naming of Facilities" to include guidelines for both student and staff memorials has become apparent over the years as the district has grown and a wide variety of existing memorials have presented concerns regarding upkeep and maintenance. The existing policy also did not include a procedure to memorialize former staff members or to assist campus leaders during a crisis period surrounding a student death.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

CW Local (Naming Facilities) and CW Exhibit are aligned with guidelines discussed with the Board in workshop.

The role of the school during the time of a student's death is defined.

Procedures for temporary memorials on campuses are established.

Guidelines are established to assist principals in determining appropriate memorials to students.

General considerations for memorializing employees are established

Procedures for Naming Facilities are updated and include existing or proposed school facilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage will assist campuses in time of crisis and help avoid inequities of opportunity to memorialize students based on varying financial resources of families. Operations will be included in the decision making process to assure that future facility planning and maintenance issues are considered. Alignment of policy and procedures will preserve the right of the Board to oversee and finalized all naming procedures.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

New procedures will be publicized to all campuses to ensure equal access to the naming procedures established.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED: None

ALTERNATIVES: None are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

The research and development of this proposal has been dedicated to finding fair and equitable solutions to extremely sensitive issues.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends approval on 1st reading the revised CW(Local) Policy for Naming Facilities and the accompanying CW (Local) Exhibit.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Melanie Cooper Lewis, Director of Counseling Services

Jamie Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

CW Local (Naming Facilities)

CW Local (Exhibit)

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

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