

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Action

Office of Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Kimberly Britton

Policy Changes (JCD, JDE, JRAB and JCAA)

After reviewing the policies in Section J (Students) and F (Facilities), we recommend the following changes:

A. Deletion of School Board Policy JCD(1) GED Program

This policy provides guidance on offering GED classes at Tupelo High School. We no longer offer GED; consequently, this policy needs to be deleted.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Babb	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mrs. Davis	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mr. Mize	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mr. Prather	()	()	()	()	()	()
Mr. Wheeler	()	()	()	()	()	()
PASSED:	YES	()	NO	()		

B. Revision of School Board Policy JDE Expulsion

This policy provides guidance on the expulsion of students. The revision of this policy would remove the wording, "Readmission will be based upon documented evidence that clearly demonstrates that the expelled student has successfully participated in a rehabilitation program including, but not limited to progress in an alternative school or similar program." This revision does not remove the right of the District to place a student in our own alternative school upon readmission, nor does it remove the right of the District to require an outside evaluation from a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist upon readmission.

C. Revision of School Board Policy JRAB Compliance with FERPA

This policy provides guidance on FERPA compliance. The revision of this policy changes the wording, “District staff member should be sure that records of this nature are not disclosed,” to “Records of this nature may not be disclosed...”

Further, the revision takes out the language that states that students’ classwork and homework are not protected under FERPA. This guidance is in direct contradiction to our current procedures.

D. Revision of School Board Policy JCAA Due Process

This policy provides guidance on Due Process. Step 1 of Due Process is the initial informal hearing. The current policy does not clearly state that when a student is suspended 10 days or less, an informal hearing is not required. Additionally, we are removing an unnecessary clause and changing the principal shall “mail” a Notice of Suspension to the principals shall “provide” a notice.

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