# FORT&SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Human Resources Campus Support

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## CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES



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### **8.0 PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE**

- LEARNS requires the makeup of the PPC be incorporated into policy. There are no changes to the configuration of the committee.
- New requirement that all meetings be recorded and posted to the website.

### 8.1 SALARY SCHEDULE

 The link to the salary schedule must be updated to reflect 2023-24 school year.

### 8.13 EMPLOYMENT

- The District must provide an unfavorable reference in the event that there is probable cause that a staff member engaged in sexual misconduct.
- Legal reference changes

### 8.19 GRIEVANCES

• Allows the Board to combine grievances of the same nature into a group grievance.

### 8.30 REDUCTION IN FORCE

- LEARNS requires "effectiveness" to be the primary factor in determining staff to retain during a RIF.
  - Evaluations
  - Additional credentials
  - Additional degrees

### 8.31 RENEWAL AND TERMINATION

- LEARNS requires the removal of the Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act (PSEFH).
- The primary change is 10 days to request a hearing, instead of 25 days for terminations.
- Termination hearings will be open to the public.

### 8.34 DUTIES AS A MANDATED REPORTER

• All employees are mandated reporters. DHS has an online form and will no longer receive a report via fax.

### 8.44 CONTRACT RETURNS

 New policy consistent with Licensed employee requirements.

### 8.47 NAME, TITLE, & PRONOUN

- Parental consent is required to address a student by a name and/or pronoun inconsistent with the birth certificate.
- No adverse action can be taken for an employee refusing to:
- 1. Use the name on the birth certificate or a derivative.
- 2. Use a pronoun inconsistent with the person's biological sex.

