

**Cedar Hill Independent School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Date:** August 3, 2009  
**Presented by:** Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools  
**Subject:** Consider Exception to Policy GKD (Local)

**Action Item**

**BOARD GOAL:** N/A

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Pumpkin Seed LLC is a film company seeking to shoot a few scenes in our High School competition gym for a faith-based movie they are making. In moving forward with this possibility, we have asked for assistance and advice from an attorney with Walsh Anderson (Austin office) who has experience in this particular area. She has found one small matter that requires Board action. Policy GKD (Local) presently prohibits the use of our competition gym by outside parties. This particular policy does not give the Superintendent the authority to make exceptions. Thus, our attorney has suggested that Staff seek Board approval for a specific exception to the policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

CHISD Staff believes this film will bring favorable exposure to our District / community. It may also provide some benefit to students who have an interest in the film industry. It will provide an opportunity for others to be "extras" if they choose to audition for such a part.

For these reasons, Staff recommends that the Board consider an exception to Policy GKD(Local) thereby allowing Pumpkin Seed LLC to use the High School competition gym for filming purposes.

Under separate agreement, it has already been determined and agreed that Pumpkin Seed LLC will at no time interrupt the regular instructional setting at Cedar Hill High School.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

Motion to approve an exception to Policy GKD(Local) in favor of Pumpkin Seed LLC.

**POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

BF (Local) – Board Policies

**CONTACT PERSON:**

L. Kim Lewis, Chief Operating Officer

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Rental fees and reimbursable expenses (security) will go to the General Operating Fund.

**ENCLOSURES:**

N/A