

TASB POLICY UPDATE 84 LOCAL POLICES
March 10, 2009

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a first reading approval on TASB Policy Update 84 Local policies:

- BJCF(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT - NONRENEWAL
- CDA(LOCAL): OTHER REVENUES - INVESTMENTS
- CE(LOCAL): ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
- CI(LOCAL): SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSAL
- CNA(LOCAL): TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
- CQ(LOCAL): ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT
- DFBB(LOCAL): TERM CONTRACTS - NONRENEWAL
- EEH(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS - HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION
- FDB(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS
- FNCE(LOCAL): STUDENT CONDUCT - TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed these policies as a workshop topic at the February 10, 2009 board meeting and approved the first reading at the February 24, 2009 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This Update includes redeveloped policies regarding special education, authority to dispose of property no longer needed by the district, transportation safety, and student cell phone use. The Update also addresses numerous other issues, including new material from commissioner rules regarding exemptions from student physical activity requirements; state assessments for limited English proficient students; courses for no pass, no play purposes; and dual language immersion programs.

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:

The Board will review the proposed change in workshop setting and then formally conduct two readings with the second requesting final approval.

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:

For the Board to approve on second reading the adoption of TASB Policy Update 84 Local policies as submitted

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ray Braswell, Superintendent
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

ATTACHMENT:

The proposed changes to Local policies are attached.