



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **February 14, 2023**

TITLE: **Approval of Revisions to Policy IKF and JJIB**

BACKGROUND:

In September 2022, the Governing Board studied and approved proposed revisions to 21 of its policies. It did so to address changes in state law set to become effective on September 24, 2022. There was an error in the policy revisions made then, and this agenda is presented to permit the Governing Board to consider and approve policy change for an immediate correction. Administration recommends that the Governing Board implement its rights to approve the proposed changes to Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements) and JJIB (Interscholastic Sports) in a single meeting as permitted by Governing Board Policy BGB (Policy Adoption).

Policy IKF

In September, administration recommended revisions to Governing Board Policy IKF to address changes in law implemented through HB 2632, which increased the number of questions that a student must correctly answer on the required civics test and required schools to document the test as pass or fail on the pupil’s transcript. When the proposed changes (additions in blue and deletions in red) for Policy IKF were shared with the Governing Board on September 13, 2022 and again on September 27, 2022 ASBA’s model policy version of IKF was unintentionally presented instead of the Amphitheater District’s Board-approved Policy IKF. The ASBA model policy does not list Physical Education as a graduation requirement, but the Amphitheater Governing Board has previously approved a requirement that students of Amphitheater Public Schools have at least one credit of Physical Education to graduate.

This was inadvertent on the part of administration and it needs to be corrected. There was never an intent or plan to change the previous Board-approved graduation requirements identified in Policy IKF. Instead, the goal in presenting proposed revisions to Policy IKF in September 2022 was merely to add the language identified in blue, and delete the language identified by red, to the existing Board Policy IKF in order to satisfy the requirements of HB 2632.

Therefore, this agenda item is presented to permit the Governing Board to correct Policy IKF by reinserting the Physical Education graduation requirement. The proposed addition (attached) identifies the reinsertion of the Physical Education credit in blue and the deletion of the extra elective credit from ASBA’s model policy in red. Approval of the proposed Policy IKF will put the Board’s policy back to what the Governing Board originally approved for graduation requirements and keep the revisions made necessary by HB 2632 that were approved on September 27, 2022.

Policy JJIB

After discovering the above error, administration audited the Amphitheater Policy Manual to confirm that all Board-approved policy revisions were first presented with additions identified in blue and/or deletions identified in red. One additional policy revision was located through the audit. When the Governing Board approved changes to Policy JJIB (Interscholastic Sports) on September 27, 2022, an ASBA model policy was presented instead of the Amphitheater Board-approved Policy JJIB.

The differences between the two are minor. Both versions meet the requirements of Arizona state law. The ASBA model policy restructures the location of certain paragraphs and amends terms like “students” to “pupils”. Also, the ASBA model policy says the Governing Board “shall” develop information and forms to inform and educate coaches, pupils and parents about the dangers of heat-related illness, sudden cardiac death and prescription opioid use; whereas, the Board-approved Policy JJIB uses the word “may” instead of “shall”. Since

the Governing Board has already developed the required information and forms and posted them as an exhibit in the Amphitheater Policy Manual as JJIB-EB, the Board has satisfied this responsibility so the language differences between the two policies are immaterial. Approval of the attached Policy JJIB will reinstate the language previously approved by the Governing Board that differs from the ASBA model policy and retain the additions to Policy JJIB that the Governing Board approved on September 27, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

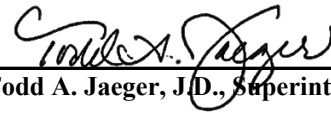
Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the proposed changes to Policy IKF and JJIB as recommended through the permissions identified in Policy BGB for approval of policy changes in a single meeting.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: February 8, 2023



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