



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

DATE OF MEETING: **February 7, 2017**

TITLE: **Study of Proposed Revisions to Governing Board Policies and their Corresponding Regulations or Exhibits: BDF (Advisory Committees); IKF (Graduation Requirements); JICI (Weapons in School); and JJJ (Extracurricular Activity Eligibility)**

BACKGROUND:

Administrative staff and the Arizona School Boards Association have recommended revisions to current policies to clarify language and to address changes in the law. Policies presented for the Board's study this evening are:

BDF (Advisory Committees)

Language has been added to clarify that, under Arizona's Open Meeting Law, board subcommittees are subject to the same provisions of the law as the governing board. This includes the ability to meet in an executive session if for one of the authorized reasons in the law and all procedures have been met.

IKF (Graduation Requirements)

Senate Bill 1239 added A.R.S. 15-258 to Title 15, Education. This section directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a state seal of biliteracy program to recognize students who graduate from a school operated by a school district or a charter school located in this state and who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.

School districts or charter schools may voluntarily participate in the state seal of biliteracy program by notifying the Superintendent of Public Instruction of such intention. Schools will then identify the students who have met the requirements to be awarded the state seal of biliteracy, which shall be affixed to the diploma and noted on the transcript of each student who has met the requirements.

Senate Bill 1137 amended A.R.S. 15-718.01 and 43-1089.01, related to school curricula. The substance of this legislation directs school districts and charter schools to offer instruction and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as a mandatory, not a discretionary, duty. CPR instruction and training is required to be provided no later than July 1, 2019.

Policy JICI (Weapons in School)

House Bill 2338 amended A.R.S. 13-2911 by adding the following to subsection I:

Notwithstanding section 15-341 and subsection D of this section, the governing board of an educational institution may not adopt or enforce any policy or rule that prohibits the lawful possession or carrying of a deadly weapon on a public right-of-way by a person or on or within a person's means of transportation.

A.R.S. 13-2911(K)(5) further states that Public right-of-way means any highway, street, road, thoroughfare, path, alley or other right-of-way that is publicly accessible and that is established and maintained by this state

or a political subdivision of this state. Public right-of-way does not include property of an educational institution.

Policy JICI has been revised to reflect this statutory information.

Policy JJJ (Extracurricular Activity Eligibility)

The legislature amended A.R.S. 15-347, Extracurricular activities; cultural tradition, in Senate Bill 1219 which includes the following language:

A school district governing board, a charter school or an interscholastic athletic association of which a school district governing board or charter school is a member may not prohibit a pupil from wearing a religious or cultural accessory or hair piece while participating in an extracurricular or athletic activity if the accessory or hair piece does not jeopardize the health or safety of the pupil or any other person participating in the activity, as determined by the supervisor of the extracurricular activity or the officiant of the athletic activity.

The above language has been incorporated in Policy JJJ and relevant policies are cross referenced: JB, Equal Educational Opportunity; JI, Students' Rights; JICEC, Freedom of Expression; JII, Student Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances; and JJIB, Interscholastic Sports.

Each of these draft policies are attached to this Item for the Board's review.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's study at this time. The proposed policies will be brought back at a later date for the Board's approval.

INITIATED BY:

Date: January 31, 2017

Patrick Nelson

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