

# **Approval of TASB Update 109 Local Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

## **January 23, 2018**

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Local policies included in Update 109:**

Update 109 encompasses changes in law from the 85th Legislative Session that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the district. Update 109 contains recommended changes to local policies on topics including:

- Board member requests for records and visits to campuses;
- Security of polling places;
- District investments;
- Criminal history for contractors and subcontractors;
- Prepaid meal card/accounts for students;
- Board delegation of certain termination actions;
- Employee standards of conduct, including electronic communications with students;
- Possession of firearms on locked vehicles in district parking areas;
- Cameras in special education classrooms;
- Parental notification of certain educator misconduct with students;
- Transportation funding for areas with a high risk of violence;
- Student issues, including attendance, bullying, mental health, and lice notification;
- Refusing entry to or ejecting persons from district property and visits by sex offenders to district premises;
- Responding to Public Information Act requests; and
- Opportunities for patriotic society representatives to speak to students.

#### **Local policies included in Update 109:**

- BBE(LOCAL): Board Members - Authority
- CDA(LOCAL): Other Revenues - Investments
- CKC(LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management – Emergency Plans
- CNA(LOCAL): Transportation Management – Student Transportation
- CO(LOCAL): Food Services Management
- DF(LOCAL): Termination of Employment
- DH(LOCAL): Employee Standards of Conduct
- EHBAF(LOCAL): Special Education – Video/Audio Monitoring
- FEA(LOCAL): Attendance – Compulsory Attendance
- FFAA(LOCAL): Wellness and Health Services - Physical Examinations
- FFB(LOCAL): Student Welfare – Crisis Intervention
- FFF(LOCAL): Student Welfare – Student Safety
- FFI(LOCAL): Student Welfare – Freedom From Bullying
- GBAA(LOCAL): Information Access – Requests For Information
- GKA(LOCAL): Community Relations – Conduct on School Premises
- GKC(LOCAL): Community Relations - Visitors
- GKE(LOCAL): Community Relations – Business, Civic, and Youth Groups

#### **Local Policies Being Deleted:**

- EJ(LOCAL): Academic Guidance Program

#### **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 109 policy revisions at the January 9, 2018 board meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Update 109 contains 108 legal and 18 local policies and several policy Exhibits that are being either added or deleted.

#### **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:**

Because the law requires districts to adopt a local policy so quickly, districts are allowed to implement the process for emergency adoption with one reading.

**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:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve TASB Update 109 local policies on first reading.

**PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

James K. Wilson III, Superintendent  
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

**ATTACHMENT:**

TASB Update 109 Local Policies.