

ITEM FOR ACTION**BOARD OPERATING AGREEMENTS****SUMMARY**

The board has discussed and refined draft board operating agreements over multiple sessions and may approve a final draft in this meeting.

BACKGROUND

The board periodically reviews and affirms or revises board operating agreements that outline how board members will work with each other and the superintendent.

The Beaverton School Board is the policy-making body for the district, responsible for determining policies and establishing the long-range direction and vision of the school district as detailed in its strategic plan. The superintendent is its chief executive officer and educational leader, responsible for administering the operations of the district, interpreting and implementing board policies, and executing the district's strategic plan and goals.

To meet the needs of all students, the board and the superintendent must work together in a positive and transparent manner as a high-functioning leadership team. Toward that end, the school board operating agreements serve to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the board and distinguish them from the roles and responsibilities of the superintendent, as they respectfully collaborate to support the success of all students and staff in the district.

The board has discussed and refined draft board operating agreements over multiple meetings. In the last meeting on October 24, discussion focused on the three sections board members thought should be altered: adjusting section 4.C.e regarding responding to communications sent to all board members, and clarifying the intent of sections 4.D.a–b (now 4.D.a–c) regarding communication with staff. The draft has been revised following the board's discussion and may be considered for approval in this meeting. Clean and markup copies of the revised draft have been included in the agenda packet for review.

RECOMMENDATION / OPTIONS

The board may approve the board operating agreements as drafted, approve them with revisions, or discuss and provide feedback for further revisions to be considered for approval in a future meeting.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the board operating agreements as submitted.

ALTERNATE MOTION: REVISION

I move to approve the board operating agreements, with the revision _____.

ALTERNATE MOTION: POSTPONEMENT TO REVISE

I move to postpone and consider approval of a revised draft of the board operating agreements at our next business meeting on December 12.

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