

**Approval of DISD Local Policies-TASB Update 91-1st Reading
December 13, 2011**

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a first reading approval on TASB Policy Update 91. The policies are as follows:

- CDA (Local) Other Revenues: Investments
- CV (Local) Facilities Construction
- DFBB (Local) Term Contracts: Nonrenewal
- EFAA (Local) Instruction Materials: Selection & Adoption
- FFH (Local) Student Welfare: Freedom From Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation
- FO (Local) Student Discipline

Recommended Deletions:

- CLA (Local) Building, Grounds, and Equipment Management: Security
- COB (Local) Food Services Management: Free and Reduced-Price Food Program
- GRA (Exhibit) Relations with Governmental Entities: State and Local Governmental Authorities

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed TASB Update 91 policies as a workshop topic at the November 8, 2011 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 91 represents the **first of three** post-legislative updates and encompasses changes in law from the 82nd Legislative Session that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the district. Update 91 addresses a variety of major topics, including elections, purchasing and construction contracts, investments, instructional materials, employee contracts, student truancy and discipline, student concussions, and district records. Also included in Update 91 are local policies that address nonrenewal of employee contracts, facilities construction, investments, corporal punishment, dating violence, and instructional materials.

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:

The Board approve on first reading the adoption of TASB Update 91 local policies.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ray Braswell, Superintendent
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

ATTACHMENT:

The proposed changes to Local policies are attached.