

Approval of TASB Update 106 Local Policies – 1st Reading

October 25, 2016

SUMMARY:

Update 106 is a special update in response to the commissioner of education rules adopted as authorized by Education Code 29.022, which requires installation and operation of video and audio equipment in certain special education classrooms or other special education settings on request of a parent, staff member, or trustee.

The (LOCAL) policy recommendations in this update will need close attention by both the administration and the board to ensure that they reflect the practices of the district and the intentions of the board.

Local policies included in Update 106:

- EHBAF (Local) Special Education Video/Audio Monitoring

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 106 policy revisions at the September 27, 2016 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 106 includes 1 legal, 1 local policy.

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 106 local policies on first reading

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 106 Local Policies