



(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue font: new text.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes — as in an extensive rewrite — may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

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Meeting Place and Time	Board meetings shall be held during a time that is outside of typical work hours. [See FA(LEGAL)] The notice for a Board meeting shall reflect the date, time, and location of the meeting.
Regular Meetings	Regular meetings of the Board shall normally be held on the third Monday <ins>third Monday</ins> of each month at 6:00 p.m. <ins>6:00 p.m.</ins> When determined necessary and for the convenience of Board members, the Board President may change the date, time, or location of a regular meeting with proper notice.
Special or Emergency Meetings	The Board President or the Superintendent shall call special meetings at the Board President's <ins>their</ins> discretion or on request by two <ins>two</ins> members of the Board. The Board President or Superintendent shall call an emergency meeting when it is determined by the Board President, Superintendent , or two <ins>two</ins> members of the Board that an emergency or urgent public necessity, as defined by law, warrants the meeting.
Agenda	The deadline for submitting items for inclusion on the agenda is the sixth calendar <ins>the 6th calendar</ins> day before regular meetings and the third calendar <ins>the 6th calendar</ins> day before special meetings.
Deadline	
Preparation	In consultation with the Board President, the Superintendent shall prepare the agenda for all Board meetings. Any Board member may request that a subject be included on the agenda for a meeting, and the Superintendent shall include on the preliminary agenda of the meeting all topics that have been timely submitted by a Board member. Before the official agenda is finalized for any meeting, the Superintendent shall consult the Board President to ensure that the agenda and the topics included meet with the Board President's approval. In reviewing the preliminary agenda, the Board President shall ensure that any topics the Board or individual Board members have requested to be addressed are either on that agenda or scheduled for deliberation at an appropriate time in the near future. The Board President shall not have authority to remove from the agenda a subject requested by a Board member without that Board member's specific authorization.
Notice to Members	Members of the Board shall be given notice of regular and special meetings at least 72 hours <ins>three business days</ins> prior to the scheduled time <ins>date</ins> of the meeting and at least one hour prior to the time of an emergency meeting.
Closed Meeting	Notice of all meetings shall provide for the possibility of a closed meeting during an open meeting, in accordance with law.

The Board may conduct a closed meeting when the agenda subject is one that may properly be discussed in closed meeting. [See BEC]

Order of Business The order of business for regular Board meetings shall be as set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the meeting. At the meeting, the order in which posted agenda items are taken may be changed by consensus of Board members.

Rules of Order The Board shall observe the parliamentary procedures as found in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except as otherwise provided in Board procedural rules or by law. Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by majority vote of the members present.

Voting Record Vote Voting on any item shall be ~~by voice~~ a record vote or by show of hands or roll call, as directed by the Board President. Any member may abstain from voting on an item, and a member's vote or failure to vote shall be recorded ~~upon that member's request~~ in the minutes. [See BDAA(LOCAL) for the Board President's voting rights]

Consent Agenda When the agenda is prepared, the Board President shall determine items, if any, that qualify to be placed on the consent agenda. A consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.

Minutes Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Board Secretary or clerk; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The written minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the Board President and the Board Secretary.

~~The official minutes of the Board shall be retained on file in the office of the Superintendent and shall be available for examination during regular office hours. [See CPC regarding retention of records.]~~

Discussions and Limitation Discussions shall be addressed to the Board President and then the entire membership. Discussion shall be directed solely to the business currently under deliberation, and the Board President shall halt discussion that does not apply to the business before the Board.

The Board President shall also halt discussion if the Board has agreed to a time limitation for discussion of an item, and that time

limit has expired. Aside from these limitations, the Board President shall not interfere with debate so long as members wish to address themselves to an item under consideration.

Limit on Participation	Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.
Public Comment	<p>Public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting. [See FA]</p>
Regular Meetings	At regular Board meetings, the Board shall permit public comment, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.
Special Meetings	At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.
Procedures	Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board. Public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting. Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed five minutes per meeting.
Meeting Management	When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, reordering agenda items, deferring public comment on nonagenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting adjust the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.
Board's Response	Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.
Complaints and Concerns	The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

- Employee complaints: DGBA
- Student or parent complaints: FNG
- Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.

Employment Assistance Prohibited

No District employee shall assist a contractor or agent of the District or of any other school district in obtaining a new job if the employee knows, or has probable cause to believe, that the contractor or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. Routine transmission of an administrative file does not violate this prohibition.

No District contractor or agent shall assist an employee, contractor, or agent of the District or of any other school district in obtaining a new job if the contractor or agent knows, or has probable cause to believe, that the individual engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. Routine transmission of an administrative or personnel file does not violate this prohibition.

[See also DC for prohibitions relating to employees.]

Prohibited Classroom Instruction or Activities

A District contractor is prohibited from intentionally or knowingly engaging in or assigning to another individual instruction, guidance, activities, or programming prohibited by law [see EMB(LEGAL)]. Violation of this policy shall result in termination of the contract. A District contractor shall be permitted to appeal this action in accordance with GF(LOCAL).

Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

A contract is subject to termination if the District contractor intentionally or knowingly:

- Engages in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) duties.
- Assigns to another individual DEI duties.

A District contractor shall be permitted to appeal this action in accordance with GF(LOCAL).

[See BT(LEGAL)]

Emergencies

In an emergency due to a health or safety concern, a reasonably unforeseeable situation, or other exigent circumstance, the District employee who is in charge of the facility shall be authorized to determine whether an employee of a contracting or subcontracting entity who does not have the required criminal history record information (CHRI) review or who has a disqualifying conviction will be permitted to enter a District facility.

If allowed to enter the facility, the employee of the contracting or subcontracting entity shall be accompanied by a District employee at all times.

The U.S. and Texas flags shall be prominently displayed in each classroom to which a student is assigned during the time that the pledges of allegiance to those flags are recited.

Plan	The District shall develop a cybersecurity plan to secure the District's cyberinfrastructure against a cyberattack or any other cybersecurity incidents, determine cybersecurity risk, and implement appropriate mitigation planning.
Coordinator	The Superintendent shall designate a cybersecurity coordinator. The cybersecurity coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the District and the Texas Education Agency in cybersecurity matters.
Training	<p>The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Determine the cybersecurity training program to be used in the District;2. Verify and report compliance with training requirements in accordance with guidance from the Department of Information Resources Texas Cyber Command; and3. Remove access to the District's computer systems and databases for noncompliance with training requirements as appropriate. <p>The District shall complete periodic audits to ensure compliance with the cybersecurity training requirements.</p>
Security Breach and Cybersecurity Incident Notifications	<p>Upon discovering or receiving notification of a breach of system security or a security cybersecurity incident, as defined by law, the District shall disclose the breach or incident to affected persons or entities and provide any other notices in accordance with the time frames established by law. The District shall give notice by using one or more of the following methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Written notice.2. Email, if the District has email addresses for the affected persons.3. Conspicuous posting on the District's websites.4. Publication through broadcast media. <p>The District shall disclose a breach or incident involving sensitive, protected, or confidential student information as required by law.</p>

Training	<p>The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Determine the artificial intelligence (AI) training program to be used in the District;2. Verify and report compliance with training requirements in accordance with guidance from the Department of Information Resources; and3. Remove access to the District's computer systems and databases for noncompliance with training requirements as appropriate. <p>The District shall complete periodic audits to ensure compliance with the AI training requirements.</p>
Use in District	<p>Employees and students shall be permitted to explore AI and implement its use in and out of the classroom in accordance with policy and administrative regulations. The use of AI shall only be as a support tool to enhance student outcomes and shall never take the place of teacher and student decision-making. Any use of AI must comply with law, policy, and administrative regulations relating to student and employee privacy and data security.</p> <p>A student shall only use AI tools with teacher permission and shall be expected to produce original work and properly credit sources, including AI tools used in creating the work. Students who use AI tools to deceptively harm, bully, or harass others shall be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and policy. [See EIA(LOCAL), FFH, FFI, and the FO series]</p>

Compliance with Law	The Superintendent shall establish procedures that ensure that all school facilities within the District comply with applicable laws and local building codes.
Construction Contracts	Prior to advertising, the Board shall determine the project delivery/contract award method to be used for each construction contract valued at or above \$50,000 <ins>the competitive purchasing threshold established in law</ins> . To assist the Board, the Superintendent shall recommend the project delivery/contract award method that he or she determines provides the best value to the District. [See CV series generally and CBB(LEGAL) for requirements if federal funds are involved.] For construction contracts valued at or above \$25,000 <ins>\$25,000</ins> , the Superintendent shall also submit the resulting contract to the Board for approval. Lesser expenditures for construction and construction-related materials or services shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent and consistent with law and policy. [See also CH and CBB(LEGAL)]
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	Note: For provisions regarding delegation of authority for construction contracts in the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting the District, see CH(LOCAL).
Change Orders	Change orders permitted by law shall be approved by the Board or its designee prior to any changes being made in the approved plans or the actual construction of the facility.
Project Administration	All construction projects shall be administered by the Superintendent or designee .
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	The Superintendent shall keep the Board informed concerning construction projects and also shall provide information to the general public.
Final Payment	The District shall not make final payments for construction or the supervision of construction until the work has been completed and the Board has accepted the work.