

SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Geoff Yantz, Superintendent

DATE: December 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of Board Policy Updates and Revisions

Background

The District subscribes to the California School Board Association (CSBA) Manual Maintenance Service for updating board policies and administrative regulations. District staff frequently reviews policy updates and makes revisions to existing Board policies as needed. The proposed Board policies, as indicated below, represent some revisions to existing policies as well as some new policies recommended by CSBA. These policies were presented for First Reading at the November 8, 2016 meeting and are now presented for Board approval.

Discussion

BP 1330 – Use of School Facilities

This policy has been updated to reflect Title 5 Regulations (Register 2014, No. 19) which (1) contain specific rules for determining "direct costs" to be charged for use of school facilities and grounds, and (2) address the expenditure of funds collected as capital direct costs.

BP 3311 - Bids

This policy has been updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1358, 2015) which authorizes a district to award a design-build contract for a public works project in excess of \$1 million on the basis of either low bid or "best value," as defined.

BP 3515.7 – Firearms on School Grounds

This is a new policy that reflects NEW LAW (SB 707, 2015) which eliminates the exception that had allowed persons with a Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) license to possess a firearm on campus. Policy contains options for the Board either to prohibit any person from possessing a firearm on campus, unless that person is specifically allowed such possession by law.

BP 3541.2 – Transportation for Students with Disabilities

This policy update clarifies the policy's applicability to students receiving services pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and criteria for individualized education program (IEP) teams to use when determining a student's transportation needs.

BP 3580 – District Records

This policy has been updated to reflect District protocols for notification of a breach in security of District records.

BP 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment

This modification was made to include, “OR ASSOCIATION WITH A PERSON OR GROUP WITH ONE OR MORE OF THESE ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CHARACTERISTICS.”

BP 4112.2 - Certification

This policy was updated to add the requirement, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), to notify parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request certain information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher.

BP 4112.21 – Interns

This modification reflects the repeal of 20 USC 6319, pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95) as follows: (An intern may be assigned to teach core academic subjects, as defined in law, if he/she meets the definition of a "highly qualified" teacher adopted by the State Board of Education. (20 USC [6319](#), [7801](#); 5 CCR [6100-6112](#)))

BP 4113 – Assignment

This policy was updated to delete material regarding assignment of teachers who meet the qualifications of “highly qualified” teachers, as those requirements were repealed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95).

BP 4117.13 – Early Retirement Option

This policy was updated to reflect the repeal of 20 USC [6319](#), pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95).

BP 4151 – Employee Compensation

This policy was updated to add a new section on “Overtime Compensation” and to reflect new Federal Regulations (81 Fed. Reg. 32391) which adjust the salary level at which employees become eligible to receive overtime pay.

BP 6142.94 – History-Social Science Instruction

This policy update reflects key concepts in the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools adopted by the State Board of Education in July 2016, including, but not limited to, a new emphasis on developing student’s literacy skills within the context of history-social science instruction.

BP 6173 – Education for Homeless Children

This policy update reflects the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), as well as updated U.S. Department of Education non-regulatory guidance.

Recommendation

Dr. Geoff Yantz, Superintendent, recommends that the Board of Education approve the Board policy updates and revisions, as presented.