



**BLUM ISD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2019
7:00 PM**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BLUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 25, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Blum Independent School district will hold a Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Library. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda, which is attached to and made part of this notice.

A closed meeting of the Board is required as authorized by Article 6242-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes and will be held by the board in conjunction with its open meeting.

The closed meeting will be held as authorized by the aforementioned article for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or considering the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations to the school district. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in a closed meeting, then such final action, final decision, or final vote will be at either:

-the open meeting covered by the notice upon the reconvening of this
Public meeting, or

-at the subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice hereof as
The Board will determine.

On this the Monday, July 22, 2019 this notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Blum Independent School District.

**FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BLUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA
BLUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2019
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: PRESIDENT OF BOARD

INVOCATION

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HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

1. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BLUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2019; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

2. SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

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4. INNOVATIVE COURSE N1300266 - AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH, AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. JOHNSON COUNTY 4 H ADJUNCT FACULTY

6. APPROVE BANKING AUTHORITY LETTER

7. VEHICLE BIDS

8. HB 3 AMENDMENT

9. PERSONNEL-EVALUATE, SUSPEND, TERM NONRENEWAL, REASSIGN, HIRE
PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE (GOV'T CODE 551.074)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP

b. FACILITIES UPDATE

c. PROPERTY VALUE LAG

2. SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

3. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEX. OPEN MEETINGS ACT (SUBCHAPTERS D AND E OF CH. 551, TEX. GOV'T CODE), THE BOARD MAY ENTER CLOSED MEETING TO DELIBERATE ANY SUBJECT AUTHORIZED BY SUBCHAPTER D THAT IS LISTED ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING. ANY FINAL ACTION, DECISION, OR VOTE ON A SUBJECT DELIBERATED IN CLOSED MEETING WILL BE TAKEN IN AN OPEN MEETING HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

CLOSED MEETING: (as authorized by Article 6442-18, Civil Statutes of Texas)

PERSONNEL

BLUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2019
7:00 PM

THE BLUM ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 3, 2019. RICHARD MCPHERSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT: RICHARD MCPHERSON, JONATHAN ARRINGTON, STEVE GANT, JAMIE KOONSMAN, JOE MAXWELL, JEFF SANDERS, TRACI BELLOMY, PAULA FRENCH
ABSENT: ELSA SCOTT, DENVER VARDEMAN

NO GUESTS WERE PRESENT.

INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY STEVE GANT.

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JAMIE KOONSMAN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. JONATHAN ARRINGTON SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

NO HEARING OF DELEGATIONS.

STEVE GANT MADE THE MOTION TO RAISE THE LUNCH PRICES AS FOLLOWS:

ADULTS - \$4.00

STUDENT - \$3.00

JAMIE KOONSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH WELLS FARGO BANK THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JAMIE KOONSMAN MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE TRANSFER POLICY FDA LOCAL. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ARCHITECT.

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO USE PROCUREMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT SELECTING THE MANAGER-AGENT METHOD OF DELIVERY AS THE METHOD OF DELIVERY FOR THE BOND PROJECT. JAMIE KOONSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO DELEGATE JEFF SANDERS THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECT, ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECT, DETERMINE SELECTION CRITERIA, SEEK PROPOSALS, RANK BIDS, RANK PROPOSALS, NEGOTIATE FOR THE SELECTION OF A CONTRACTOR AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE BOND PROJECT. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE SCHEDULE FOR HILL COUNTY AS DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DAVIS-BACON ACT AS THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROJECT. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT FOR THE BOND PROJECT THE SELCTION CRITERIA AND RELATIVE WEIGHTS PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. JAMIE KOONSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

JONATHAN ARRINGTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2009 BUILDING CODE. JAMIE KOONSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

NO ACTION TAKEN ON PERSONNEL.

JAMIE KOONSMAN MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 PM. STEVE GANT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTE TAKEN: ALL FOR

RICHARD MCPHERSON

ELSA SCOTT

Check Date	Payee	PO Nbr	Invoice Nbr	Fnd-Fnc-Obj.So-Org-Prog	Reason	Amount	EFT
06-07-2019	HOME DEPOT CRC	014181		199-51-6317.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	29.97	N
06-08-2019	DIRECT ENERGY BUSIN	014176		199-51-6259.44-951-999000	ELECTRIC	17.83	N
06-07-2019	ENTRUST ENERGY INC	014175		199-51-6259.44-951-999000	ELECTRIC	5,622.87	N
06-08-2019	ETC	014172		199-41-6495.00-750-999000	FEES	72.82	N
06-10-2019	CORPORATE CARD (VIS	014179		186-36-6411.00-001-991000	COACHES HOTEL STATE	542.82	N
		014179		186-36-6411.00-001-991000	MEALS REG & STATE TRACK	1,797.36	N
		014179		186-36-6412.00-001-991000	STUD. HOTEL STATE	1,160.85	N
		014179		186-36-6412.00-001-991000	STUD HOTEL REGIONALS	1,909.95	N
		014179		186-36-6497.00-001-991000	PARKING	15.00	N
		014179		186-36-6499.00-001-991000	PARKING	5.00	N
		014179		199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	9.99	N
		014179		199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	30.00	N
		014179		199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	224.40	N
		014179		199-11-6412.11-001-911000	STUD. HOTEL UIL STATE	125.10	N
		014179		199-11-6499.00-001-911000	AWARDS	139.29	N
		014179		199-11-6499.00-001-911000	AWARDS	665.18	N
		014179		199-12-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	288.90	N
		014179		199-34-6311.00-934-999000	FUEL	548.60	N
		014179		199-41-6411.00-701-999000	MEALS	19.20	N
		014179		199-41-6411.00-701-999000	MEALS	22.85	N
		014179		199-41-6411.00-701-999000	MEALS	51.17	N
		014179		199-41-6495.00-750-999000	AWARDS	440.99	N
		014179		199-51-6317.00-951-999000	BOWMAN ENV.	500.00	N
		014179		224-11-6399.00-001-923000	SUPPLIES	127.14	N
					Totals for Check 061019	8,623.79	
06-11-2019	WELLS FARGO	014185		199-41-6499.21-750-999000	BANK FEES	1,063.81	N
06-15-2019	WOODROW-OSCEOLA	014180		199-51-6259.42-951-999000	WATER	47.33	N
06-17-2019	HILCO	004764		199-51-6259.44-951-999000	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	150.43	N
06-24-2019	LOWES	014178		199-51-6399.98-951-999000	FERTILIZE	171.00	N
06-03-2019	WEAVER PLANT NURSE	014170		265-11-6399.00-001-924000	PLANTS	59.94	N
06-04-2019	LESA HOUGH	014182		224-11-6219.80-001-923000	OT	525.00	N
06-04-2019	FOSSIL RIM	014177		265-11-6399.00-001-924000	ACE FIELD TRIP	926.40	N
06-06-2019	JURRASSIC VALLEY, LL	014183		265-11-6399.00-001-924000	ACE FIELD TRIP	454.00	N
06-06-2019	OWEN RAY MANRY	014174		699-81-6629.00-999-999000	REIMBURSE MATERIALS	45.76	N
06-10-2019	HAYDAY, INC.	004773	24936905	199-11-6269.00-001-911000	COPY LEASE	1,636.60	N
06-17-2019	VICTORIA HOLT	014171	94	699-81-6629.00-999-999000	FLOORING 1/2 DOWN PAYMENT	3,967.15	N
06-17-2019	CARROLL ISD	014173		199-34-6631.00-999-999000	BUS	2,500.00	N

Date	Payee	PO Nbr	Invoice Nbr	Fnd-Fnc-Obj.So-Org-Prog	Reason	Amount	EFT
06-19-2019	HILL COUNTY TAX OFFI	014166		199-34-6499.00-934-999000	REGISTRATION	15.00	N
06-19-2019	FORT WORTH MUSEUM	014167		265-11-6399.00-001-924000	ACE FIELD TRIP	310.00	N
06-25-2019	SEAQUEST	014169		265-11-6399.00-001-924000	ACE FIELD TRIP	132.00	N
06-25-2019	TEXAS CHILDREN'S MU	014168		265-11-6399.00-001-924000	ACE FIELD TRIP	131.00	N
06-26-2019	KATHY DENN GROPPPEL	014184		224-11-6219.81-001-923000	SPED PLANNING	500.00	N
Total For District Written Checks						27,002.70	

Check Date	Payee	PO Nbr	Invoice Nbr	Fnd-Fnc-Obj.So-Org-Prog	Reason	Amount	EFT
06-10-2019	AT&T	004759	X06022019	199-51-6259.70-951-999000	CELL PHONES	145.88	N
06-10-2019	CITY OF BLUM	004763		199-51-6259.42-951-999000	WATER/GARBAGE	216.70	N
		004763		199-51-6259.42-951-999000	WATER/GARBAGE	55.00	N
					Totals for Check 423824	271.70	
06-10-2019	GLOBAL MED INDUSTRI	014121	HS348323	199-33-6399.98-999-999000	AED SUPPLIES	131.40	N
06-10-2019	TAYLA NICHOLAS	014119	MAY 2019	224-11-6219.70-001-923000	PT	643.75	N
06-10-2019	MOORE SUPPLY CO.	014118	S155928648.001	699-81-6629.00-999-999000	PLUMBING SUPPLIES REMODEL	1,005.76	N
		014118	S155988407.001	699-81-6629.00-999-999000	PLUMBING SUPPLIES	122.06	N
					Totals for Check 423827	1,127.82	
06-10-2019	TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE	014122	IT00010385	199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	697.50	N
06-10-2019	VATAT	014120	44457	199-11-6495.00-001-922000	FEES	300.00	N
		014120	184401	199-11-6495.00-001-922000	STUDENT CONVENTION FEES	90.00	N
					Totals for Check 423829	390.00	
06-22-2019	AMAZON	014141		199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	193.08	N
		014141		199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	314.42	N
		014141		199-11-6399.00-001-911000	SUPPLIES	312.99	N
		014141		199-11-6399.78-001-922000	SUPPLIES	24.36	N
		014141		199-12-6329.00-001-911000	BOOKS	135.81	N
					Totals for Check 423839	980.66	
06-22-2019	BALFOUR CO.-FT. WORT	014138	135629	186-36-6499.00-001-991000	STATE RINGS	1,399.96	N
06-22-2019	BORDEN DAIRY COMPA	004761	2654126	240-35-6341.00-935-999000	MILK	1,356.75	N
		014136	335261935	240-35-6341.00-935-999000	FOOD	15.50	N
		014136	2670006	240-35-6341.00-935-999000	FOOD	31.15	N
					Totals for Check 423841	1,403.40	
06-22-2019	CARSON PEST MANAGE	004762	MAY 20109	199-51-6299.00-951-999000	PEST SERVICE	392.21	N
06-22-2019	COLORADO BOXED BEE	014129		240-35-6341.00-935-999000	FOOD	5.50	N
06-22-2019	DESOTO JANITORIAL SE	014137	192144	199-51-6315.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	15.82	N
		014137	192298	199-51-6315.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	1,063.65	N
		014137	192174	199-51-6315.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	805.95	N
					Totals for Check 423844	1,885.42	
06-22-2019	ESC 12	014131	083256	199-11-6495.00-001-911000	WORKSHOP	480.00	N
		014134	083159	199-93-6239.77-999-911000	ERATE CONSULTING	1,000.00	N
					Totals for Check 423845	1,480.00	
06-22-2019	FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLU	014139	500692	199-12-6329.00-001-911000	BOOKS	1,453.03	N
06-22-2019	GILBERT ENVIRONMENT	004771	A-68985	199-51-6299.00-951-999000	MONTHLY PAYMENTS	50.00	N
06-22-2019	HILL COUNTY APPRAISA	014130	4509	199-41-6213.00-703-999000	3RD QTR COLLECTION	2,003.13	N
		014130	5479	199-99-6213.00-999-999000	3RD QTR OPERATING	15,782.00	N
					Totals for Check 423848	17,785.13	
06-22-2019	LABATT FOOD SERVICE	004767	05097077	240-35-6341.00-935-999000	FOOD	1,600.67	N
		004767	05027388	240-35-6341.00-935-999000	FOOD	3,272.82	N
		004767	05165518	240-35-6341.00-935-999000	FOOD	1,851.37	N
					Totals for Check 423849	6,724.86	

Check Date	Payee	PO Nbr	Invoice Nbr	Fnd-Fnc-Obj.So-Org-Prog	Reason	Amount	EFT
06-22-2019	LAYLAND PLUMBING, IN	014127	018261	199-51-6316.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	25.00	N
06-22-2019	MOORE SUPPLY CO.	014132	S156063992.001	699-81-6629.00-999-999000	RR REMODEL	98.78	N
		014132	S155998183.001	699-81-6629.00-999-999000	RR REMODEL	171.24	N
					Totals for Check 423851	270.02	
06-22-2019	MSB	004772	118975	199-41-6299.00-750-923000	MONTHLY PAYMENTS	5,614.75	N
		014135	119321	199-41-6299.00-750-923000	PAYMENT	9.00	N
					Totals for Check 423852	5,623.75	
06-22-2019	RIO VISTA HARDWARE	014140		199-51-6316.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	141.31	N
		014140		199-51-6317.00-951-999000	SUPPLIES	53.89	N
					Totals for Check 423853	195.20	
06-22-2019	SCOTT OIL COMPANY	014128		199-34-6311.00-934-999000	FUEL	2,087.03	N
06-22-2019	THE REPORTER	014133	MAY 2019	199-41-6491.00-750-999000	POSTINGS	2,250.60	N
06-22-2019	UNIFIRST HOLDINGS, IN	004768	MAY 19	199-51-6299.00-951-999000	UNIFORMS/DUST MOPS	966.25	N
					Total For Computer Written Checks	48,386.07	
					Total Checks	75,388.77	

End of Report

Vantage Points

A Board Member's Guide to Update 113

Please note: *Vantage Points* is an executive summary, prepared specifically for board members, of the TASB Localized Update. The topic-by-topic outline and brief descriptions focus on key issues to help local officials understand changes found in the policies. The description of policy changes in *Vantage Points* is highly summarized. Please pay careful attention to the more detailed, district-specific Explanatory Notes and the policies in the localized update packet.

We welcome your comments or suggestions for improving *Vantage Points*. Please write to us at TASB Policy Service, P.O. Box 400, Austin, TX 78767-0400, email us at policy.service@tasb.org, or call us at 800-580-7529 or 512-467-0222.

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Update 113 focuses on updating (LEGAL) policies affected by changes in administrative rules and commissioner of education rulings. Several (LOCAL) policies have been updated as well to better align with these changes and for organization and restructuring purposes.

Accountability

Legal policies in the AI series, which covers accountability, were revised to include:

- The commissioner of education’s award of campus distinctions [see AIA(LEGAL)];
- Local accountability campus performance ratings [see AIA(LEGAL)];
- Districts’ obligations regarding the annual performance report and the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) [see AIB(LEGAL)];
- Procedures regarding interventions and sanctions [see AIC(LEGAL)]; and
- Procedures for districts applying to receive a Title I, Part A subgrant [see AID(LEGAL)].

Board Items

BBBD(LEGAL) was updated to include legal provisions explaining disclosure requirements for political advertising, and BBE(LEGAL) was revised to add two offenses addressing a board member’s misuse of government records and information.

BBE(LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Recommended revisions to this local policy on board members’ authority require district staff to remind board members who are provided access to confidential records or reports that they must comply with the district’s applicable information security controls.

BDD(LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Updates to this policy on the board’s legal counsel are recommended to reflect common practices. The first change reflects the use of an engagement letter by law firms rather than a written agreement or contract to establish the fees and expenses for services. The second revision clarifies that the board president or designee, not just the superintendent, may obtain and report legal advice to the board.

Revisions to BDF(LEGAL) and BF(LEGAL) match statutory language regarding requirements for the school health advisory committee (SHAC) and student achievement improvement plans.

**Superintendent
Evaluation**

The updates to BJCD(LEGAL) reflect a change in the Administrative Code that allows the completion of the Lone Star Governance superintendent evaluation to satisfy the commissioner of education’s superintendent appraisal process.

BJCD(LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

An updated Administrative Code rule spurred the deletion from this policy of specifics regarding the superintendent’s evaluation instrument and the list of board objectives for conducting the evaluation. Recommended changes clarify that the superintendent may request an open meeting for the evaluation despite the typical practice of a closed meeting. For more information and resources on the superintendent’s evaluation, visit TASB’s [Leadership Team Services website](#).²

**District
Operations**

Provisions from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance that address federal awards to non-federal entities were added to CBB(LEGAL). CDA(LEGAL) was revised to better match statutory language regarding districts’ ability to take certain investment actions. A note was added to CDB(LEGAL) regarding the disposal of real property acquired with federal funds, and details from statute regarding public facility corporations and facilities and infrastructure partnerships were added to CDH(LEGAL).

Details from law regarding salary deductions were added to CFEA(LEGAL). Policy CG(LEGAL) was deleted since the content on bonded employees and officers is covered in other codes. Language regarding offenses pertaining to firearms on buses was deleted from CNC(LEGAL) since it is included at GKA(LEGAL).

**School
Properties
Disposal**

CI(LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Recommended revisions to this local policy clarify the scope of the superintendent’s authority to dispose of district property, including district vehicles and other personal property. An additional statement is recommended to clarify that instructional materials must be disposed of in accordance with law. A final recommended change clarifies that property obtained with federal funds or as federal surplus must be managed in accordance with federal law.

**Food Services
Management**

CO SERIES (LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Several recommended revisions were made to the CO series of local policies dealing with food and nutrition management. For all districts, recommended changes to CO(LOCAL) reflect that the superintendent is authorized to develop regulations on food donation programs, which might include a sharing table or selling leftovers. Additional guidance on these types of programs is available from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Since the USDA recommends serving a meal to all students, regardless of exhausted meal accounts or insufficient funds, provisions specifically referencing alternate or reimbursable meals are recommended for deletion from policies that had that language. Provisions on meal charges are recommended for removal for those districts participating in a federal meal program that provides free meals to all students.

New policy COA(LOCAL) is recommended for inclusion in the district's manual to comply with state and federal procurement rules on the use of child nutrition funds. This policy was issued to all districts that receive federal funds for nutrition. The text assigns responsibility to the superintendent to oversee the use of child nutrition funds to procure goods and services and to develop and enforce financial management systems and other procedures to comply with state and federal requirements. Other provisions authorize the superintendent to determine whether the district will specify a geographical preference when procuring unprocessed, locally grown products.

New policy COB(LOCAL) is recommended for inclusion in the district's manual to address elements of the federal free and reduced-price meal programs. The policy provisions vary depending on whether the district participates in CEP or Provision 2. New text issued to all districts addresses student and parent appeals regarding eligibility for free or reduced-price meal programs and allegations of discrimination in school meal programs, as reflected in COB(LEGAL).

**Records
Management and
Insurance**

The criminal offenses of tampering with or knowingly or intentionally destroying governmental records were moved from BBE(LEGAL) to CPC(LEGAL). These offenses apply to district employees as well as board members.

Changes to CR(LEGAL), on insurance and annuities management, were made to more closely align the policy with law. The policy addressing the various types of purchased insurance, CRB(LOCAL), was deleted because typically these types of decisions are made during the budget process and there is no requirement to reflect these decisions in board policy. To better match details in statute, CRF(LEGAL) was revised to provide more information about reasonable assurance for unemployment insurance.

Employment

DEC(LEGAL) was updated with recent case law on retaliatory discharge and absence control. Factors that SBEC considers when determining whether an educator had good cause to abandon a contract were added to DFE(LEGAL).

Students

For those districts that had them, the following LOCAL policies were deleted because their content is more appropriately addressed in administrative regulations:

- ED, Organization of Instruction.
- EEA, Instructional Arrangements: Grouping for Instruction.
- EEB, Instructional Arrangements: Class Size.
- EFC, Instructional Resources: Community Instructional Resources.
- EFD, Instructional Resources: Field Trips. Any board-level provisions regarding field trips that districts wish to retain are now at FMG, addressing student travel.
- EHBA, Special Programs: Special Education.
- EHBL, Special Programs: High School Equivalency.

Special Education Video and Audio Monitoring

EHBAF(LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Updated Administrative Code rules resulted in recommended changes to this policy on special education video and audio monitoring, including:

- Clarification that requests for cameras to be installed the following school year must be made in writing;
- An affirmative statement that districts must operate the installed cameras during the instructional day when one or more students are in the classroom;
- Clarification regarding student clothing changing areas to match the rules;
- Reference to “release” of video recordings as allowed by law; and
- New language granting parents, staff members, or district administrators an expedited review by TEA of certain complaints.

EHBAF(LEGAL) has also been updated to reflect these new Administrative Code rules.

Special Programs

Changes to EHB(LLEGAL) reflect district participation information under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. Changes to EHBI(LLEGAL) reflect and refer to updated Administrative Rules on adult education.

State Assessment and Partnership Charters

The policy on state assessments, EKB(LLEGAL), was updated to reflect amended rules regarding the substitute assessments used to satisfy end-of-course graduation requirements. New rules on partnership charters required changes to ELA(LLEGAL).

Investigations and Searches

The table of contents for the F Section of the manual was revised to reflect the new title for FNF(LOCAL), now Investigations and Searches. Revisions to FFG(LLEGAL) add details on disciplinary actions that SBEC can take against an educator who fails to comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements.

FNF(LOCAL) POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This local policy on student investigations and searches has been updated to reflect current case law and common practices, including:

- Clarifying that students may not refuse to answer questions from district officials about their own conduct or another student's conduct on the grounds that it would incriminate them;
- Adding a statement that reminds students there is no expectation of privacy in district property and such property may be searched at any time without notice;
- Adding general search provisions that outline the district's authority to conduct searches of students and their belongings;
- Language permitting the district to conduct metal detector searches; and
- Deleting the details of random drug-testing programs to avoid conflict between policy and administrative procedures. If districts have questions about this change, they should contact their policy consultant.

FNF(LLEGAL) was also updated to include case law on intrusive searches.

Student Discipline

Existing statutory provisions regarding the required conference, appeals, and placement length for a student being removed from class by a teacher were added to FOA(LLEGAL). FODA(LLEGAL) was revised to include existing statutory provisions on juvenile justice alternative education programs in counties

with certain populations. Provisions on manifestation determinations for students with disabilities were updated in FOF(LEGAL) to add existing statutory detail.

¹ TASB Policy Service website: <https://www.tasb.org/services/policy-service.aspx/>

² TASB Leadership Team Services' Superintendent Evaluation web page: <https://www.tasb.org/services/leadership-team-services/resources/superintendent-evaluation.aspx>