

**Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information**

Date of Board Meeting: November 19, 2007

Subject: Consideration and Possible Action on Potential Amendments: BF (LOCAL)
BOARD POLICIES

Administrator Responsible:

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Position: Policy Administration & Governmental Relations

Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information only Action needed Report

Additional Information and/or Back-Up:

Recommend discussion, approval of potential amendments and Second Reading of BF (LOCAL) BOARD POLICIES.

Potential amendments may be considered. Possible action may occur.

Annotated copy is attached.

BOARD POLICIES

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Within the context of current law, the District shall be guided by Board-adopted written policies that are given appropriate distribution and are accessible to staff members, parents, students, and community residents.

Legally referenced policies contain provisions from federal and state statutes and regulations, case law, and other legal authority that together form the framework for local decision making and implementation. These policies are binding on the District until the cited provisions are repealed, revised, or superseded by legislative, regulatory, or judicial action.

HARMONY WITH LAW No policy or regulation, or any portion thereof, shall be operative if it is found to be in conflict with applicable law.

SEVERABILITY If any portion of a policy or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of policy that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and to this end the provisions of this policy manual are declared to be severable.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT Policies and policy amendments may be initiated by the Superintendent, Board members, school personnel, or community citizens, but generally shall be recommended for the Board's consideration by the Superintendent.

OFFICIAL POLICY MANUAL The Board shall designate one copy of the local policy manual as the official policy manual of the District. The official copy shall be kept in the Superintendent's office, and the Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for its accuracy and integrity and shall maintain an historical record of the District's policy manual.

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT Proposed local policies or amendments may be introduced and recommended to the Board at one regular meeting. Board members shall receive advance written notice of any proposed amendment prior to the Board Workshop meeting. The policy shall not be adopted until at a subsequent meeting by a majority of the Board. Emergency adoption, however, may occur in one meeting if special circumstances demand an immediate response.

Local policies become effective upon Board adoption or at a future date designated by the Board at the time of adoption.

TASB LOCALIZED UPDATES After Board review of legally referenced policies and adoption of local policies, the new material shall be incorporated into the official policy manual and into other localized policy manuals maintained by the District. If discrepancies occur between different copies of the manual distributed throughout the District, the version contained in the official policy manual shall be regarded as authoritative.