

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

Board Policy

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BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property

The Governing Board believes that district facilities and resources should be utilized in an economical and practical manner. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically study the current and projected use of all district facilities to ensure the efficient utilization of space for the effective delivery of instruction.

Prior to the sale or lease of any surplus real property, the Board shall appoint a district advisory committee to advise the Board regarding the use or disposition of schools or space which is not needed for school purposes. The Board may elect not to appoint a district advisory committee for any of the following: (Education Code 17388, 17391)

1. A rental of property for a period of time not exceeding 30 days
2. A lease or rental of surplus property to a private educational institution for the purpose of offering summer school
3. A sale, lease, or rental of surplus property to be used for teacher or other employee housing
4. Until July 1, 2024, a sale or lease of surplus property that has not previously operated, or was not constructed to be operated, as an early childhood education facility or a school for elementary or secondary instruction

In addition, to ensure that the proposed disposition of the property conforms with any general plan adopted by the local planning agency that affects or includes the area where the surplus property is located, the Board shall submit a report to the local planning agency describing the location of the surplus property and the purpose and extent of the proposed sale or lease. (Government Code 65402)

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The Board shall determine whether the sale or lease of the surplus property is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Public Resources Code 21000-21177; 14 CCR 15061-15062)

The Board may meet in closed session with its real property negotiator prior to the sale or lease of real property by the district in order to grant its negotiator authority regarding the minimum price or rent and terms of the sale or lease. (Government Code 54956.8)

When selling or leasing district real property, the Board shall comply with applicable procedures and give priority to specified public agencies as required by law. (Education Code 17230, 17464, 17485-17499; Government Code 54222)

Resolution of Intention to Sell or Lease

Before ordering the sale or lease of any real property, the Board shall adopt a resolution by a two-thirds vote of all of its members at a regularly scheduled open meeting. The resolution shall describe the property proposed to be sold or leased in such a manner as to identify it, specify the minimum price or rent, describe the terms upon which it will be sold or leased, and specify the commission or rate, if any, which the Board will pay to a licensed real estate broker out of the minimum price or rent. The resolution shall fix a time, not less than three weeks thereafter, for a public meeting, held at the Board's regular meeting place, at which sealed proposals to purchase or lease will be received and considered. (Education Code 17466)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notice of the adoption of the resolution and of the time and place of the meeting that will be held to consider bids by posting copies of the resolution, signed by the Board, in three public places not less than 15 days before the date of the meeting. In addition, the notice shall be published at least once a week for three successive weeks before the meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, if such a newspaper exists. (Education Code 17469)

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At least 60 days prior to the public meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall take reasonable steps to provide written notification of the public meeting, by certified mail, to the former owner from whom the district acquired the property. (Education Code 17470)

Acceptance/Rejection of Bids

At the public meeting specified in the resolution of intention to sell or lease property, the Board shall open, examine, and declare all sealed bids. Before accepting a written proposal, the Board shall call for oral bids in accordance with law. (Education Code 17472, 17473)

The Board may reject any and all bids, either written or oral, and withdraw the properties from sale when the Board determines that rejection is in the best public interest. If no proposals are submitted or the submitted proposals do not conform to all the terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to lease, the Board may lease the property in accordance with Education Code 17477. (Education Code 17476, 17477)

Of the proposals submitted by responsible bidders which conform to all terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to sell or lease, the Board shall finally accept the highest bid after deducting the commission, if any, to be paid to a licensed real estate broker, unless the Board accepts a higher oral bid or rejects all bids. (Education Code 17472)

The final acceptance of the bid may be made either at the same meeting specified in the resolution or at any adjourned/continued meeting held within 10 days. Upon acceptance of the bid, the Board may adopt a resolution of acceptance that directs the Board president, or any other Board member, to execute the deed or lease and to deliver the document upon performance and compliance by the successful bidder of all of the terms and conditions of the contract. (Education Code 17475-17478)

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Use of Proceeds

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the proceeds from the sale or lease with an option to purchase of surplus district property are used for one-time expenditures and not for ongoing expenditures such as salaries and general operating expenses. (Education Code 17462; 2 CCR 1700)

Proceeds from a sale of surplus district property shall generally be used for capital outlay or maintenance costs that the Board determines will not recur within a five-year period. Proceeds from a lease of district property

with an option to purchase may be deposited into a restricted fund for the routine repair of district facilities, as defined by the SAB, for up to a five-year period. (Education Code 17462)

However, if the Board and SAB determine that the district has no anticipated need for additional sites or building construction for the next 10 years and no major deferred maintenance requirements, the proceeds from the sale or lease with an option to purchase may be deposited in a special reserve fund for the future maintenance and renovation of school sites or in the district's general fund. (Education Code 17462)

In addition, until July 1, 2024, if district surplus property was purchased entirely with local funds, the proceeds from the sale or lease of the property, together with any personal property located on the property, may be deposited into the general fund of the district and may be used for any one-time general fund purpose. Before exercising this authority, the Board shall: (Education Code 17463.7)

1. Submit to SAB documents certifying that the sale of real property does not violate the provisions of a local bond act and the real property is not suitable to meet projected school construction needs for the next 10 years
2. At a public meeting, adopt a plan for expending one-time resources from the sale or lease of the property which identifies the source and intended use of the surplus property proceeds and describes the reasons that the expenditure will not result in ongoing fiscal obligations for the district

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Whenever the district sells real property that was purchased, improved, or modernized with funds that were received from a state school facilities funding program within the previous 10 years, the district shall notify OPSC within 90 calendar days of the sale of the property if the proceeds from the sale are not used for capital outlay and the property is not sold to a charter school, another school district, a county office of education, or an agency that will use the property exclusively for the delivery of child care and development services. If SAB subsequently makes a finding that the sale is subject to Education Code 17462.3, the district shall return the funds to the SAB within 90 calendar days of the finding. (2 CCR 1702)

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