

**Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3  
Board of Education**

**January 13, 2020  
Board Meeting Packet**



# MAHOMET-SEYMOUR CUSD #3

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**Dr. Lindsey Hall, Ed.D., Superintendent**

**Board of Education:** Max McComb (P), Lori Larson (VP), Merle Giles (S), Meghan Hennesy, Dr. Jeremy Henrichs, Ken Keefe, Dr. Colleen Schultz

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy Committee Meeting  
Board Conference Room – Administrative Center  
Monday, January 13, 2020  
10:30 A.M.

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| 1. Call to Order                               |                   |
| 2. Roll Call                                   |                   |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance                        |                   |
| 4. Approval of Agenda                          | Discussion/Action |
| 5. Approval of 9/30/19 & 12/3/19 Minutes       | Discussion/Action |
| 6. Public Comment                              |                   |
| 7. Proposed Policy 2:140: Ken Keefe            | Discussion        |
| 8. Proposed Policy 2:280: Ken Keefe            | Discussion        |
| 9. Proposed Policy 3:11: Ken Keefe             | Discussion        |
| 10. Proposed Policy 4:11: Ken Keefe            | Discussion        |
| 11. Proposed Policy 7:135: Dr. Colleen Schultz | Discussion        |
| 12. PRESS 102 Policies:                        | Discussion        |

Section 2	Section 5	Section 6
2:20 Powers and Duties of the SB; Indemnification	5:10 Equal Opportunity and Minority Recruitment	6:20 School Year Calendar Day
2:70 Vacancies on the SB—Filling vacancies (also 2:70 E)	5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited -- <b>BOE must vote on Resolution 5:20E by February 9, 2020</b>	6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest	5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria <b>Also— answer question</b>	6:300 Graduation Requirements
2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban (please note the changes in this policy go hand in hand with changes in 5:20) <b>Also—answer question</b>	5:50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E cigarette, Tobacco and Cannabis Prohibition	<b>Section 7</b>
2:110 Qualifications, Term and Duties of Board Officers <b>Also—answer question</b>	5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting	7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited <b>must approve/take action on Jan 21</b>
2:200 Types of Board Meetings	5:100 Staff Development Program	7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure	5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest	<b>Section 8</b>
<b>Section 4</b>	5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal	8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property <b>Also - answer question</b>
4:30 Revenue and Investments -- <b>must take action on Jan 21</b>	5:220 Substitute Teachers	
4:60 Purchases and Contracts	5:250 Leaves of Absence	
4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs	5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions	
	5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves	

13. Adjournment

**Mahomet-Seymour  
COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 3  
Champaign County, Illinois  
Meeting of the Board of Education Policy Committee**

Held in the Board Conference Room

Date: September 30, 2019

**12:30 Policy Committee Meeting**

**1. Call to order**

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Policy Committee members present for the roll call were Lori Larson and Meghan Hennesy. Also present was Superintendent, Dr. Lindsey Hall and Board Recorder, Dawn Quinley.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Larson requested that Committee Purpose be added to the agenda.

**Motion** was made by Hennesy, seconded by Larson, *to approve the agenda as amended*. The motion passed.

**5. Approval of 8/12/19 Minutes**

**Motion** was made by Larson, seconded by Hennesy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

**6. Public Comment**

Dr. Lindsey Hall called for any public participation forms. There was no public participation.

**7. Credits for Graduation Policy for MSHS, Policy 6:310**

Mr. Lybarger and Mr. Benedict reviewed proposed revisions to Policy 6:310. There are three areas encompassed by the proposed policy: credit recovery, courses exceeding MSHS curriculum, and supplemental courses.

- **Credit recovery:** Mr. Benedict reviewed the criteria for receiving credit in credit recovery situations. The proposed policy removes the current limit of one credit that can be transferred back for credit recovery.
- **Courses exceeding MSHS Curriculum:** Mr. Benedict reviewed criteria for students to receive credit for courses that exceed the curriculum offered at the high school. Mrs. Hennesy asked if thought had been given to students who may need or want to rearrange their schedule because of work load or learning styles, not just for students who have exceeded the curriculum. Mr. Benedict explained that the thought among administrators and counselors is that if the high school offers a course, students should take it from MSHS. There may be exceptions to the rule on a case by case basis with approval by the principal. Mr. Lybarger further explained that often courses that are offered over the summer are intended for credit recovery and not acceleration, so students often come back with holes in their knowledge of the subject and struggle with classes that follow in that area. Math is currently the area that sees the most number of students who have exceeded the course offerings at the high school level.
- **Supplemental Courses (courses not offered at MSHS):** Mr. Benedict reviewed criteria for students to receive credit for courses not offered at the high school. Mrs. Hennesy asked how often these types of requests are received for these types of courses and stated that she would want the Board to be aware of trends so that new courses can be considered if needed. Mr. Benedict indicated that the computer science course is a good example of this and the course will be offered at the high school in the future.

Mrs. Larson asked what common courses are that students go out of District for. Mr. Lybarger indicated that they see the least number of requests for supplemental courses, and credit recovery has the most requests. He commented that he has seen students take psychology and photography courses from other institutions. Mrs. Hennesy asked what areas are students needing courses that exceed the curriculum. Mr. Lybarger indicated that they see this the most with math. There are also about a dozen students participating in ECCA (Early College and Career Academy) at Parkland. This program allows students to get high school and college credit in several different areas. Dr. Hall commented that the proposed policy will be presented to the full Board for a first reading on October 21.

**8. Updated Proposed Policy 2:240 & 2:20**

Ken Keefe explained that the only thing that has changed from the last time the committee met and reviewed the changes to Policy 2:240 was the addition of a sentence recommended by the IASB of the role of the policy committee. The Policy Committee discussed the proposed changes including the proposed forms and the additional procedures that would be needed to complete and store the forms. The Committee also discussed sending the policy to the Board and whether it has committee approval. The consensus was to send it to the Board for consideration to be voted on at the next meeting, highlighting the change to the proposed Board Consideration form, and indicating committee approval.

Mr. Keefe explained the reason for changes being recommended to Policy 2:20 which seeks to add a 20<sup>th</sup> power to the powers of the school board. Mrs. Larson mentioned that she noticed that Mr. Keefe left out a legal reference and that she is not comfortable with taking out legal references when it comes to policy. Mr. Keefe explained that the statute referenced has been repealed and that as he worked on the policy, he looked at why it was left out. Larson explained that she has a hard time comparing the old policy and proposed policy without the redline version. Keefe said that he would be sure to explain proposed changes in his presentation and in the rationale page he is proposing. The Policy Committee agreed to send the proposed policy to the Board for consideration to be voted on at the next meeting indicating committee approval.

**9. Proposed Policy 7:40**

Colleen Schultz reviewed the current policy and her proposed changes. She explained that it is very similar to what the IASB recommends. She indicated that several surrounding counties, and other schools in the state, allow homeschool and other non-public school students to participate in school district extracurricular activities. Surrounding school districts not allowing homeschool student participation include Champaign, Monticello, Gibson City, and Mahomet. School districts allowing homeschool student participation include Urbana, Blue Ridge, Fisher, and Unity, along with some others. Mrs. Larson stated that she has some questions about the financial implications, and how to monitor in-school eligibility. Mrs. Schultz indicated that there are two things required by the IHSA: they must live in the District, and they need to have curriculum approved by whoever the Board decides will approve it. She further explained that eligibility is determined by the teacher, so in this instance, this is the parent. Financially, Mrs. Schultz commented that homeschool parents pay the same taxes as everyone else, and they are not asking that they create additional activities for homeschool students. Mrs. Hennesy stated that she thinks it would be good to figure this out for parents. She acknowledged that determining how to implement this in the District, including what sort of manpower would be required and at what cost, would need to be determined. Dr. Hall clarified that the District is not one of only four schools in the state who do not allow homeschool students to participate in District extracurricular activities, and also that there are no schools in the District's athletic conference allowing it. Mrs. Larson said that in order for her to consider it, she would like more information about the numbers of students who might be interested in this option, and what it would look like to oversee the process. Mrs. Schultz indicated that she would be willing to compile data on the number of students who might be interested and what activities they might be interested in participating in, but that it would be a best guess as she is not aware of specific students who want to participate in specific activities.

Mr. Hensley shared that if the Board would choose to implement this policy, the District would be required to approve curriculum. He explained that philosophically, if curriculum were approved for four years, the District would be saying that the student has satisfied the requirements to be awarded a diploma from Mahomet-Seymour High School. The reason the District would choose to not approve curriculum is because we want to award diplomas to students who attend school in our building and complete our curriculum. Mrs. Schultz stated that there is a way around this of articulating courses as electives and not as required courses.

Dr. Hall asked for clarification about whether the intent of the proposed changes is just to include homeschool students or if it would extend to other non-public school students as well. Mrs. Schultz stated that the intent of the policy is to allow both homeschool and non-public school students who are not already attending a school that offers IHSA sponsored programs.

Consensus among members of the committee was to ask Mrs. Schultz to bring additional data on the subject to the October Board meeting, and to present the proposed policy for a first reading at the October Board meeting.

**10. Instructional Materials, Policy 6:210**

The Policy Committee discussed proposed revisions to Policy 6:210 and the timeframe for notification and mechanism for parents to choose to opt their child out of a movie being shown. Dr. Hall asked for clarification about whether the committee is suggesting permission for all levels of all movies, and suggested getting permission for junior high students and older for movies with a rating of PG-13 and above. She also recommended tacit permission unless a parent opts out. The Policy Committee discussed giving parents 48 hours of notification from teachers that a movie will be shown. Dr. Hall suggested using wording of "a minimum of 48 hours," and a reminder to parents closer to the date of the movie being shown. Dr. Hall also asked if the committee would be open to creating a table summarizing what level of permission/notification is required by movie rating. The Policy Committee agreed to include in the policy revisions a table summarizing level of permission/notification by rating, wording that indicates teachers should give a minimum of 48 hours of notification, sending a reminder to parents closer to the

time the movie is to be shown, and requiring parents to opt out of their child seeing any movie. The committee agreed that the revised policy will go to the full Board for a vote at the October 21 meeting.

**11. Parental Involvement, Policy 8:95**

The Policy Committee discussed Policy 8:95. The consensus among members was to include, “the Superintendent and Building Principals,” in the two sentences of the policy that currently only reference the Superintendent. The Policy Committee members agreed to send the revised policy back to the full Board with the proposed changes for a vote at the October 21 meeting.

**12. Proposed Changes to Technology AUP**

Mrs. Hennesy provided those in attendance with a copy of the changes she would like to propose and reviewed the suggested changes. She also suggested that the existing Chromebook Damage and Replacement Plan be added to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Dr. Hall asked Jared Lynn, Director of Technology, to speak to some of the proposed language in item 7 under the Responsibilities section. This item details viewing, monitoring and archiving of District technology, student files, and student activity. Mr. Lynn explained that, by design, the type of software that is used for content filtering does not allow for monitoring and archiving to be turned off and then turned on once something has gone wrong. Whenever content is filtered, the software has to know what was accessed to know if the content is legitimate. There really are only two options with regard to content filtering: either it is off, which is not acceptable, or it is on. Additional follow up questions were asked about how content is flagged, how to determine if something that has been flagged is of concern, and how long items that are archived are kept. Mr. Lynn explained that the process is automated and includes alerts to administrators who determine whether flags need follow up, student data is kept indefinitely due to record retention requirements for student records. The district owns all data that is obtained via its devices and networks. Mrs. Hennesy commented that she would like to give this topic some more thought and asked Mr. Lynn to do the same. She stated that she wants to consider what the District can do to educate and protect students in this area. Mrs. Larson agreed that it is good to take a look at this issue, remember that it is evolving process that is not perfect, and there is learning happening along the way. Mrs. Hennesy explained that she would like to see the agreement written to reflect more of a partnership between the District and families, and wants to be very upfront with students and families about all aspects of the agreement.

The Policy Committee discussed bringing the proposed changes to the full Board with the exception of the language under item 7 under the responsibilities section to get the Board’s input. The technology acceptable use policy is not a Board level policy and follows a different route with the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee. The proposed policy will go to that committee for consideration the next time it meets.

**13. Committee Purpose**

The Policy Committee discussed the purpose of the policy committee. The consensus among the committee members was to begin to use motions and voting as a way to make decisions and recommendations at the committee level.

**14. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Policy Committee, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:32 p.m.

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Max McComb, President

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Merle Giles, Secretary

Submitted by Dawn Quinley, Board Recorder

**Mahomet-Seymour  
COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 3  
Champaign County, Illinois  
Meeting of the Board of Education Policy Committee**

Held in the Board Conference Room

Date: December 3, 2019

**5:30p.m. Policy Committee Meeting**

**1. Call to order**

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Policy Committee members present for the roll call were Lori Larson and Meghan Hennesy. Also present was Superintendent, Dr. Lindsey Hall and Board Recorder, Dawn Quinley.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** was made by Larson, seconded by Hennesy, *to approve the agenda as presented.* The motion passed.

**5. Public Comment**

Dr. Lindsey Hall called for any public participation forms. There was no public participation.

**6. Proposed changes to Policy 2:52**

Dr. Schultz presented her recommendation for changes to the policy. There were no questions from the committee.

**Motion** was made by Hennesy, seconded by Larson, for the Policy Committee to present Policy 2:52 as presented by Dr. Schultz with the Committee's recommendation for a first reading and approval to the entire Board at the next Board regular meeting. Motion was approved by "yes" vote, 2-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hennesy stated that she will prepare the committee work form to present the findings of the committee to the full Board.

**7. Overview of Board Policy Online Platform**

Angie Powell, Director of Policy Services, Illinois Association of School Boards, gave the committee an overview of the Board Policy Online Platform offered by the IASB. Mrs. Powell shared that the cost of the service is \$2500 per year. As a PRESS Plus subscriber, the District would receive a \$250 discount on its PRESS Plus subscription. The total cost for both the online policy platform and PRESS Plus would be \$1895 (PRESS Plus) – 250 (Discount) = \$1645 + 2500 (Online Platform) = \$4145/year. The set-up fee would be waived because the District is already a PRESS Plus subscriber.

Mrs. Powell shared some information about PRESS 102, the latest update from PRESS Plus. She indicated that it is a large update and said she could share a priority list that would highlight the more urgent items in the update.

Dr. Hall asked the Committee what the next steps should be with regard to the online platform. Mrs. Hennesy indicated that she would like to see it as an agenda item at a future Board Meeting so that the full board can have a discussion about it.

Dr. Hall gave the committee the PRESS 102 Update Memo. The Policy Committee scheduled their next meeting for January 9, 2020, 7 p.m.

Mrs. Larson brought a draft of a document she created of Policy Committee Guidelines. The intent is to present it for discussion at the next Board meeting on 12/16.

**8. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Policy Committee, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:31 p.m.

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Max McComb, President

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Merle Giles, Secretary

Submitted by Dawn Quinley, Board Recorder

Proposal to Change Board Policy 2:140  
- Communications To and From the Board

**Ken Keefe**  
**11/23/2019**

Policy Number: **2:140**

Title: **Communications To and From the Board**

Explanation:

An effective board of education requires information from staff to inform decisions and build plans.

Policy Text (Italic text is existing policy text):

*... through electronic communications with a majority of a Board-quorum.*

Information Sharing With Board Members

Any individual board member may request information from district employees. It is not required for board members to state a purpose for the requested information. Employees will provide information in a timely manner unless:

1. The employee believes it would be a violation of the law to share the information with the Board of Education, or
2. The employee believes it would be a violation of M-S Board Policy to share the information with the Board of Education.

Efforts will be made by employees to share information with the entire board. If the compilation of information is too burdensome, the employee may ask the individual who is requesting information for more time.

If the employee denies a request, they must cite the specific law or policy they are concerned with and notify the entire board of their decision.

# Proposal to Create Board Policy 2:280 - Student Representative

**Ken Keefe**

**11/23/2019**

Policy Number: **2:280**

Title: **Student Representative**

Explanation:

The board of education values the input of many stakeholders from our community as it makes lasting decisions for the district. One essential group of stakeholders are the students. Student input is currently very absent from board meetings and decisions. By creating a formal position for a student representative, the board can better serve our students and families by hearing directly from students.

Policy Text:

The Mahomet-Seymour Board of Education strongly values the voices of students in its work to govern the district. To that end, a student representative shall work with the board in an advisory role to assist the board in understanding the needs of students. The representative shall primarily be the voice for all students at Mahomet-Seymour High School, but shall also strive to represent the interests of all students in the Mahomet-Seymour school district.

### Appointment Process

The student representative shall be selected by a public vote of currently sitting board of education members. A student who receives a simple majority of votes shall be elected.

Students wishing to be considered to serve as the student representative should provide a letter of interest to the board president by June 30th. In a public meeting, the board of education will meet the candidates and discuss their interest in serving as the student representative during the month of July. The board should reach a decision by August 1st.

### Term

The student representative shall assume their office on the board-approved first day of classes following their selection by the board of education. The representative shall serve until a new student representative assumes office or until they are removed from office by the board.

### Rights and Responsibilities

The Student Representative shall work to meet these responsibilities.

1. To listen to the ideas and concerns of the students of the district.
2. To honestly and fairly represent the will of the students of the district.
3. To work respectfully and productively with the board of education and district staff.

The Student Representative shall be afforded these rights.

1. To attend and speak as the voice of the students at any public board of education meetings, including committee meetings.
2. To be listened to respectfully and have their statements taken seriously by members of the board of education.
3. To be free from any interference or retribution by members of the board of education or district staff while performing their duties.
4. To appoint a temporary proxy representative at any time.

#### Proxy Representative

The student representative may appoint a proxy student representative to attend any public meeting and speak on behalf of the student representative. The proxy representative has the same rights and responsibilities stated in this policy. Any proxy student representative must be a currently enrolled student in the Mahomet-Seymour school district.

#### Removal of Student Representative

The board of education has the power to remove a student representative from office for any reason. This must be done by a unanimous vote of the board of education members attending a public school board meeting. Upon removal of a student representative from office, a new student representative may be appointed using the appointment process defined in this policy with dates determined by the board.

#### Legal References

- 105 ILCS 5/10-10 - Defines the power of the school board to appoint a student to the board to serve in an advisory capacity.

#### Board Policy Cross-References

None.

Proposal also removes this text from the end of Board Policy 2:40:

Upon the recommendation of the Student Council and with the approval of the High School Administration, the Board may annually appoint a student member to serve in an advisory capacity. The student member will not have any voting privileges and may not attend

executive sessions of the Board.

# Proposal to Create Board Policy 3:11 - Public Reports

**Ken Keefe**

**11/23/2019**

Policy Number: **3:11**

Title: **Public Reports**

Explanation:

An effective board of education is one that uses data to drive its decisions. Objective data should be accessible to the board of education as well as the public. The public should have access to data so that it can engage the board in its decision making process and be informed about the district it funds. This policy sets up a framework for creating a set of public reports that serve these purposes.

Policy Text:

In order to measure the accomplishment of goals and objectives referenced in School Board policy 3:10, Goals and Objectives, public reports containing objective data shall be produced and published publicly for all stakeholders to examine.

### Role of the Superintendent

It shall be the role of the superintendent to oversee the production and publication of reports according to the criteria that the board defines. The superintendent shall present each report to the board at the next regular meeting following the due date of the report.

Public reports shall be published on the school district website and maintained for a minimum of 5 years.

### Role of the Board

Criteria for each public report shall be defined by the board and added as exhibits to this policy. The criteria shall include a set of required information and measures, a report due date, and frequency. The board shall exercise caution in changing the criteria, especially removing required information or measures, so that historical reports can be used to understand trends.

The board shall vote to approve a report at the regular board meeting where it is presented by the superintendent. The board may postpone approval in order to allow clarification or corrections.

### Legal References

None.

Board Policy Cross-References

- Policy 3:10 - Goals and Objectives

# Proposal to Create Board Policy 4:11 - Tax Increment Financing

**Ken Keefe**

**11/23/2019**

Policy Number: **4:11**

Title: **Tax Increment Financing**

Explanation:

Tax Increment Financing or TIF is a commonly used municipal development tool that redirects tax revenues from taxing bodies and allocates them to a special fund used for infrastructure development in the region from which the revenues originated. These TIF districts can have long lasting impacts both positive and negative for the school district. Given the consequential nature of TIFs, policy defining the roles of the superintendent and the board of education is necessary.

Policy Text:

Illinois Municipal Code 65 ILCS 5 Article 11 Division 74.4 (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4) defines the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. This act enables municipalities to create a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district to address blighted or deficient conditions of a region of land.

The board of education greatly values the tax contributions of the district's constituents and works diligently to ensure that every dollar entrusted to the district is spent wisely for the benefit of its constituents. As TIF districts have the potential to significantly impact the revenues and financial health of the district, the board sets the following rules of engagement related to TIF districts.

### Role of the Superintendent

It shall be the role of the superintendent to keep the board of education informed of the ongoing operations and financials of any TIF district with territory intersecting the school district's territory. The superintendent will also keep the board apprised of any plans for a TIF district that will intersect with the school district's territory. If input for a current or potential TIF district is requested from the school district, the superintendent will bring that request to the board of education for consideration. Neither the superintendent nor any other staff member will act independently, in any way, to encourage or discourage the formation, renewal, or specific action of a TIF district without the explicit instruction of the board of education.

### Role of the Board

The board of education will carefully monitor the operations of any existing TIF districts that

intersect the school district's territory. The board of education will carefully monitor any potential or proposed TIF districts that will intersect the school district's territory. The board will vote to take a position of support or opposition to any TIF district being created or renewed when that district intersects the school district's territory. Any vote on matters relating to TIF districts will be conducted by a roll-call vote and will require a 3/4 majority of board members attending the meeting to pass.

Legal References

- 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4 - Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act

Board Policy Cross-References

None.

## **Proposal to Create Board Policy**

### **7:135 Student Restroom Access**

All students will be permitted access to the restroom at least one time per hour throughout the school day. A passing period will not be considered as restroom access if the passing period is less than five minutes. No student will receive any negative consequence for requesting to use the restroom.

## Document Status: Draft Update

### SCHOOL BOARD

#### 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification

The major powers and duties of the School Board include, but are not limited to:

1. Organizing the Board after each consolidated election by electing officers and establishing its regular meeting schedule and, thereafter, taking action during lawfully called meetings to faithfully fulfill the Board's responsibilities in accordance with State and federal law.
2. Formulating, adopting, and modifying Board policies, at its sole discretion, subject only to mandatory collective bargaining agreements and State and federal law.
3. Employing a Superintendent and other personnel, making employment decisions, dismissing personnel, **including determining whether an employee has willfully or negligently failed to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by 325 ILCS 5/**[PRESSPlus1](#) and establishing an equal employment opportunity policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination.
4. Directing, through policy, the Superintendent, in his or her charge of the District's administration.
5. Approving the annual budget, tax levies, major expenditures, payment of obligations, annual audit, and other aspects of the District's financial operation; and making available a statement of financial affairs as provided in State law.
6. Entering contracts using the public bidding procedure when required.
7. Providing, constructing, controlling, and maintaining adequate physical facilities; making school buildings available for use as civil defense shelters; and establishing a resource conservation policy.
8. Establishing an equal educational opportunities policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination.
9. Approving the curriculum, textbooks, and educational services.
10. Evaluating the educational program and approving School Improvement and District Improvement Plans.
11. Presenting the District report card and School report card(s) to parents/guardians and the community; these documents report District, School and student performance.
12. Establishing and supporting student behavior policies designed to maintain an environment conducive to learning, including deciding individual student suspension or expulsion cases brought before it.
13. Establishing attendance units within the District and assigning students to the schools.
14. Establishing the school year.
15. Requiring a moment of silence to recognize veterans during any type of school event held at a District school on November 11.
16. Providing student transportation services pursuant to State law.
17. Entering into joint agreements with other boards to establish cooperative educational programs or provide educational facilities.
18. Complying with requirements in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (**ANCRA**). Specifically, each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in **ANCRA the Act**, direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with ~~the Act~~ **ANCRA's** requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.
19. Communicating the schools' activities and operations to the community and representing the needs and desires of the community in educational matters.

#### Indemnification

To the extent allowed by law, the Board shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless School Board members, employees, volunteer personnel (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 10-22.34a and 10-22.34b), mentors of certified staff (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a, 2-3.53b, and 105 ILCS 5/21A-5 et seq.), and student teachers who, in the course of discharging their official duties imposed or authorized by law, are sued as parties in a legal proceeding. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as obligating the Board to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless any person who engages in criminal activity, official misconduct, fraud, intentional or willful and wanton misconduct, or acts beyond the authority properly vested in the individual.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10, 5/17-1, and 5/27-1.

115 ILCS 5/, III. Educational Labor Relations Act.

325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

CROSS REF.:1:10 (School District Legal Status), 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:10 (School District Governance), 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:210 (Organizational School Board Meeting), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:70 (Resource Conservation), 4:100 (Insurance Management), 4:110 (Transportation), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

Adopted: July 15, 2019

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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-23.12(c), added by P.A. 101-531 and 105 ILCS 5/21B-75(b), amended by P.A. 101-531. **Note:** While 105 ILCS 5/10-23.12(c) permits boards to *immediately* dismiss certain employees upon the determination that he or she has willfully or negligently failed to report, this does not negate a board's responsibility to provide employees with due process required by the law and district policies and procedures. Consult the board attorney for further guidance. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### SCHOOL BOARD

#### 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board - Filling Vacancies

##### Vacancy

Elective office of a School Board member becomes vacant before the term's expiration when any of the following occurs:

1. Death of the incumbent,
2. Resignation in writing filed with the Secretary of the Board,
3. Legal disability,
4. Conviction of a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime or of any offense involving a violation of official oath or of a violent crime against a child,
5. Removal from office,
6. The decision of a competent tribunal declaring his or her election void,
7. Ceasing to be an inhabitant of the District or a particular area from which he or she was elected, if the residential requirements contained in the School Code are violated,
8. An illegal conflict of interest, or
9. Acceptance of a second public office that is incompatible with Board membership.

##### Filling Vacancies

Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members shall notify the Regional Superintendent of Schools of that vacancy within five days after its occurrence and shall fill the vacancy until the next regular board election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than 868 days remaining in the term or less than 88 days before the next regularly scheduled election, the person so appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term, and no election to fill the vacancy shall be held. Members appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill vacancies shall meet any residential requirements as specified in the School Code. The Board shall fill the vacancy by majority vote held at a public meeting within 60<sup>45</sup> [PRESSPlus1](#) days after the vacancy occurred.

Immediately following a vacancy on the Board, the Board will publicize it and accept résumés from District residents who are interested in filling the vacancy. After reviewing the applications, the Board may invite the prospective candidates for personal interviews to be conducted during duly scheduled closed meetings.

##### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-10 and 5/10-11.

CROSS REF.:2:40 (Board Member Qualifications), 2:60 (Board Member Removal from Office), 2:120 (Board Member Development)

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##### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-10, amended by P.A. 101-67, eff. 1-1-20. Questions arise when fewer individuals run for seats on the board than are up for election. For more information, see f/n 8 of sample policy2:70, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 102, October 2019**

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## Vacancies on the School Board - Filling Vacancies

### 2:70-E Exhibit - Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment

The School Board fills a vacancy by either appointment or election. The Board uses this checklist for guidance when it must fill a vacancy by appointment. Some items contain guidelines along with explanations. For more information, see [Vacancies on the Board of Education](#), published by a committee of the Ill. Council of School Attorneys, and available at: [www.iasb.com/law/vacancies.cfm](http://www.iasb.com/law/vacancies.cfm).

Confirm that the Board must fill the vacancy by appointment.

Guidelines	Explanation
Review Board policy 2:70, <i>Vacancies on the School Board - Filling Vacancies</i> , to determine if a vacancy on the Board occurred and, if so, whether the successor will be selected by election or Board appointment.	Filling a vacancy by Board appointment or election depends upon when the vacancy occurred. If a vacancy occurs with less than: (1) 868 days remaining in the term of office, or (2) 88 days before the next regularly scheduled election for the vacant office, no election to fill the vacancy is held and the appointee serves the remainder of the term. At all other times, an appointee serves until the next regular school election, at which election a successor is elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. See 105 ILCS 5/10-10.
<u>In the event a seat on the board goes unfilled at an election, consult the Board Attorney to determine (1) how long the seat can be held over by the incumbent member, and (2) the process by which the Board will fill the seat.</u>	<u>The School Code partially addresses the concept of a <i>holdover seat</i>; it states “no elective office...becomes vacant until the successor of the incumbent of such office has been appointed or elected, as the case may be, and qualified.” 105 ILCS 5/10-11.</u> <a href="#">PRESSPlus1</a>

Notify the Regional Superintendent of the vacancy within **five** days of its occurrence (105 ILCS 5/10-10).

Develop a list of qualifications for appointment of a person to fill the vacancy.

Guidelines	Explanation
<p>At a minimum, a candidate must meet the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a United States citizen</li> <li>• Be at least 18 years of age</li> <li>• Be a resident of Illinois and the</li> </ul> <p>District for at least one year immediately preceding the appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a registered voter</li> <li>• Not be a child sex offender</li> <li>• Not hold another incompatible public office</li> <li>• Not have a prohibited interest in any contract with the District</li> <li>• Not be a school trustee</li> <li>• Not hold certain types of prohibited State or federal</li> </ul>	<p>While the School Code does not expressly set forth eligibility requirements for appointment to a Board vacancy, the Board may want to use the qualifications for elected Board members listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-3 and 5/10-10.</p> <p>For guidance discussing other qualifications that the Board may want to consider, see IASB's <i>Recruiting School Board Candidates</i>, available at: <a href="http://www.iasb.com/training/recruiting.cfm">www.iasb.com/training/recruiting.cfm</a></p> <p>For guidance regarding conflict of interest and incompatible offices, see <a href="#">Conflict of Interest and Incompatible Offices FAQ</a> (ICSA).</p>

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<p>When additional qualifications apply, the following items may be included in the Board's list of qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet all qualifications based upon the distribution of population among congressional townships in the district.</li> <li>• Meet all qualifications based upon the distribution of population among incorporated and unincorporated areas.</li> </ul>	<p>Board members of some community unit school districts may be subject to historical residential qualifications based on the distribution of population among congressional townships in the district or between the district's incorporated and unincorporated areas. <a href="#">105 ILCS 5/10-11</a> (<del>105 ILCS 5/11A-8</del>).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If a vacancy for an area of residence remains unfilled, a board must submit a proposition at the next general election for the election of a board member at large. <a href="#">105 ILCS 5/10-10.5(c)</a>, added by P.A. 100-800.</p>

**Decide who will receive completed vacancy applications.**

Guidelines	Explanation
<p>The Board President will accept applications.</p> <p>The Board will discuss, at an open meeting, its process to review the applications and who will contact applicants for an interview.</p>	<p>Who accepts vacancy applications is at the Board's sole discretion. According to 2:110, <i>Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers</i>, the Board President is a logical officer to accept the applications, but this task may be delegated to the Secretary or Superintendent's secretary if the Board determines that it is more convenient. Who accepts the applications must be decided prior to posting the vacancy announcement.</p>

**Create the Board member vacancy announcement.**

Announcement	Explanation
<p><b>School District _____ Board Member Vacancy</b></p> <p>The School District is accepting applications to fill the vacancy resulting from [reason for vacancy] of [former Board member's name].</p>	<p>The contents of a vacancy announcement, how it is announced, and where it is posted are at the Board's sole discretion.</p> <p>The Board may want to announce the vacancy and its intent to fill it by appointment during an open meeting. The announcement may be posted on the District's website and in the local newspaper(s).</p>
<p>The individual selected will serve on the School Board from the date of appointment to [date].</p>	<p>The length of the appointment depends upon when during the term of office the vacancy occurred. See 105 ILCS 5/10-10 and Board policy 2:70, <i>Vacancies on the School Board - Filling Vacancies</i>, to determine the length of the appointment.</p>
<p>The School District [School District's philosophy or mission statement].</p>	<p>See Board policy 1:30, <i>School District Philosophy</i>, for the District's mission statement that is specific to the community's goals.</p>
<p>Applicants for the Board vacancy must be: [Board's list of qualifications].</p>	<p>See checklist item titled <i>Develop a list of qualifications for appointment of a person to fill the vacancy above</i>.</p>
<p>Applicants should show familiarity with the Board's policies regarding general duties and responsibilities of a Board and a Board member, including fiduciary responsibilities, conflict of interest, ethics and gift ban. The Board's policies are available at [locations].</p>	<p>Listing this along with the Board's list of qualifications assists candidates in understanding a Board member's duties and responsibilities and may facilitate a better conversation during the interview process. See Board policies: 2:20, <i>Powers and Duties of the School Board</i>; <i>Indemnification</i>; 2:80, <i>Board Member Oath and Conduct</i>; 2:100, <i>Board Member Conflict of Interest</i>; 2:105 <i>Ethics and Gift Ban</i>; and 2:120, <i>Board Member Development</i>.</p>
<p>Applications may be obtained at [location]</p>	

and address and/or website] beginning on [date and time].

Completed applications may be turned in by [time and date] to [name and title of person receiving applications].

See action item titled *Decide who will receive completed vacancy applications* above.

**Publicize the vacancy announcement by placing it on the District's website, announcing it at a meeting, and/or advertising it in the local newspaper(s).**

**Accept and review applications from prospective candidates (see *Decide who will receive completed vacancy applications* above).**

**Contact appropriate applicants for interviews (see *Decide who will receive completed vacancy applications* above).**

**Develop interview questions.**

Interview Questions	Explanation
<p>Why do you want to be a Board member?</p> <p>What specific skills would you bring to the Board?</p> <p>Please give specific examples of your ability in interpersonal relationships and teamwork.</p> <p>What do you see as the role of a Board member?</p> <p>What have you done to prepare yourself for the challenges of being a Board member?</p> <p>Please describe your previous community or non-profit experiences.</p> <p>What areas in the district would you like to see the Board strengthen?</p> <p>What is your availability to meet the time, training commitments, and other responsibilities required for Board membership?</p> <p>Describe what legacy you would like to leave behind.</p>	<p>Interview questions are at the Board's sole discretion. This list is not exhaustive, but it may help the Board tailor its questions toward finding a candidate who will approach Board membership with a clear understanding of its demands and expectations along with a constructive attitude toward the challenge. The Board may also want to consider allowing an equal amount of time for each interview.</p> <p>See IASB's <i>Recruiting School Board Candidates</i>, available at: <a href="http://www.iasb.com/training/recruiting.cfm">www.iasb.com/training/recruiting.cfm</a></p> <p>A prospective candidate to fill a vacancy may raise other specific issues that the Board will want to cover during an interview.</p>

**Conduct interviews with candidates (interviews may occur in closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)).**

Interview Plan	Explanation
<p>In each interview, the Board President will:</p> <p>Introduce Board members to the candidate at the beginning of the interview.</p> <p>Describe the Board's interview process, selection process, and ask</p>	

the candidate if he or she has questions about the Board's process for filling a vacancy by appointment.

Describe the District's philosophy or mission statement.

Describe the vacancy for the candidate by reviewing the: (1) qualifications, and (2) general duties and responsibilities of the Board and the Board members, including fiduciary responsibilities, conflict of interest, ethics and gift ban, and general Board member development.

Begin asking the interview questions that the Board developed.

Ask the candidate whether he or she has any questions for the Board.

Thank the candidate and inform the candidate when the Board expects to make a decision and how the candidate will be contacted regarding the Board's decision.

The Board President will lead the Board as it interviews prospective candidates. See Board policy 2:110, *Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers*. The president presides at all meetings. 105 ILCS 5/10-13.

The Board may also want to consider allowing an equal amount of time for each interview.

**Fill vacancy by a vote during an open meeting of the Board before the 60<sup>th</sup> day (105 ILCS 5/10-10, amended by P.A. 101-67, eff. 1-1-20).**

**Assist the appointed Board member in filing his or her statement of economic interest (5 ILCS 420/4A-105(c)).**

**Announce the appointment to District staff and community.**

Announcement	Explanation
<p>The Board appointed [appointee's name] to fill the vacancy on the Board.</p> <p>The appointment will be from [date] to [date].</p> <p>The Board previously established qualifications for the appointee in a careful and thoughtful manner. [Appointee's name] meets these qualifications and has demonstrated the willingness to accept the duties and responsibilities of a Board member. [Appointee's name] brings a clear understanding of the demands and expectations of being a Board member along with a constructive attitude toward the challenge.</p>	<p>The contents of the appointment announcement and length of time it is displayed are at the Board's sole discretion. The Board may want to consider announcing the appointment during its meeting and also by posting it in the same places that it posted the vacancy announcement.</p> <p>See Board policy 8:10, <i>Connection with the Community</i>.</p>

**Administer the Oath of Office and begin orientation.**

Guidelines	Explanation
<p>See Board policy 2:80, <i>Board Member Oath and Conduct</i>.</p>	<p>Each individual, before taking his or her seat on the Board, must take an oath in substantially the form given in 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5.</p>
<p>See Board policy 2:120, <i>Board Member Development</i>, and 2:120-E, <i>Guidelines for Serving as a Mentor to a New School Board Member</i>.</p>	<p>Orientation assists new Board members to learn, understand, and practice effective governance principles. See the IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance, available at: <a href="http://www.iasb.com/principles_popup.cfm">www.iasb.com/principles_popup.cfm</a>.</p>

**Inform IASB of the newly appointed Board member's name and directory information.**

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**PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated to address *holdover* incumbent members. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### SCHOOL BOARD

#### 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest

No School Board member shall: (1) have a beneficial interest directly or indirectly in any contract, work, or business of the District unless permitted by State or federal law; or (2) solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to agreements or contracts with the District. Situations in which the interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value must comply with State law and Board policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*.

Board members must annually file a *Statement of Economic Interests* as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Each Board member is responsible for filing the statement with the county clerk of the county in which the District's principle office is located by May 1.

#### Federal and State Grant Awards [PRESSPlus1](#)

No Board member shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award or State award governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/) if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict of interest arises when a Board member or any of the following individuals has a financial or other interest in the entity selected for the contract:

1. Any person that has a close personal relationship with a Board member that may compromise or impair the Board member's fairness and impartiality, including a member of the Board member's immediate family or household;
2. The Board member's business partner; or
3. An entity that employs or is about to employ the Board member or one of the individuals listed in one or two above.

#### LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5, 420/4A-105, 420/4A-106.5, and 420/4A-107.

#### 30 ILCS 708/, Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

50 ILCS 105/3.

105 ILCS 5/10-9.

2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1).

CROSS REF.:2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest)

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#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Ill. State of Education's *Procurement and Purchasing Checklist* and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/). See the PRESS Issue 102 Update Memo for more information.

The term *participate* is not specifically defined in the federal regulation; consult the board attorney regarding other actions the board can take to limit the influence of a conflicted board member, beyond abstention from the board's evaluation and vote on a contract. 2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1) prohibits employees, officers, or agents of a school district from participating in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award or eligible State grants through GATA if they have a *real or apparent conflict of interest*. Authoritative sources and guidance regarding conflict of interest and financial disclosure are provided through the GATA Resource Library at [www.grants.illinois.gov](http://www.grants.illinois.gov). See also the Ill. State Board of Education's *Procurement and Purchasing Checklist* at: [www.isbe.net/Pages/Audit-and-Monitoring-Review-Requirements-and-Tools.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Audit-and-Monitoring-Review-Requirements-and-Tools.aspx).

The law does not specifically define an *apparent conflict of interest*. For a discussion of what an *apparent conflict of interest* may mean, see the discussion about avoiding the *appearance of impropriety* in the Ill. Council of School Attorneys' publication, **Answers to FAQs, Conflict of Interest and Incompatible Offices**,

[https://www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Documents/COI\\_FAQ.pdf](https://www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Documents/COI_FAQ.pdf).

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### SCHOOL BOARD

#### **2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban**

##### Prohibited Political Activity

The following precepts govern political activities being conducted by District employees and School Board members:

1. No employee shall intentionally perform any "political activity" during any "compensated time," as those terms are defined herein.
2. No Board member or employee shall intentionally use any District property or resources in connection with any political activity.
3. At no time shall any Board member or employee intentionally require any other Board member or employee to perform any political activity: (a) as part of that Board member's or employee's duties, (b) as a condition of employment, or (c) during any compensated time off, such as, holidays, vacation, or personal time off.
4. No Board member or employee shall be required at any time to participate in any political activity in consideration for that Board member or employee being awarded additional compensation or any benefit, whether in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment or otherwise; nor shall any Board member or employee be awarded additional compensation or any benefit in consideration for his or her participation in any political activity.

A Board member or employee may engage in any activity that: (1) is otherwise appropriate as part of his or her official duties, or (2) is undertaken by the individual on a voluntary basis that is not prohibited by this policy.

##### Limitations on Receiving Gifts

Except as permitted by this policy, no Board member or employee, and no spouse of or immediate family member living with a Board member or employee shall intentionally solicit or accept any "gift" from any "prohibited source," as those terms are defined herein, or that is otherwise prohibited by law or policy. No prohibited source shall intentionally offer or make a gift that violates this policy.

The following are exceptions to the ban on accepting gifts from a prohibited source:

1. Opportunities, benefits, and services that are available on the same conditions as for the general public.
2. Anything for which the Board member or employee, or his or her spouse or immediate family member, pays the fair market value.
3. Any: (a) contribution that is lawfully made under the Election Code, or (b) activities associated with a fundraising event in support of a political organization or candidate.
4. Educational materials and missions.
5. Travel expenses for a meeting to discuss business.
6. A gift from a relative, meaning those people related to the individual as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, and including the father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother of the individual's spouse and the individual's fiancé or fiancée.
7. Anything provided by an individual on the basis of a personal friendship unless the recipient has reason to believe that, under the circumstances, the gift was provided because of the official position or employment of the recipient or his or her spouse or immediate family member and not because of the personal friendship. In determining whether a gift is provided on the basis of personal friendship, the recipient shall consider the circumstances under which the gift was offered, such as: (a) the history of the relationship between the individual giving the gift and the recipient of the gift, including any previous exchange of gifts between those individuals; (b) whether to the actual knowledge of the recipient the individual who gave the gift personally paid for the gift or sought a tax deduction or business reimbursement for the gift; and (c) whether to the actual knowledge of the recipient the individual who gave the gift also at the same time gave the same or similar gifts to other Board members or employees, or their spouses or immediate family members.
8. Food or refreshments not exceeding \$75 per person in value on a single calendar day; provided that the food or refreshments are: (a) consumed on the premises from which they were purchased or prepared; or (b) catered. "Catered" means food or refreshments that are purchased ready to consume which are delivered by any means.
9. Food, refreshments, lodging, transportation, and other benefits resulting from outside business or employment activities (or outside activities that are not connected to the official duties of a Board member or employee), if the benefits have not

been offered or enhanced because of the official position or employment of the Board member or employee, and are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances.

10. Intra-governmental and inter-governmental gifts. "Intra-governmental gift" means any gift given to a Board member or employee from another Board member or employee, and "inter-governmental gift" means any gift given to a Board member or employee from an officer or employee of another governmental entity.
11. Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death.
12. Any item or items from any one prohibited source during any calendar year having a cumulative total value of less than \$100.

Each of the listed exceptions is mutually exclusive and independent of every other.

A Board member or employee, his or her spouse or an immediate family member living with the Board member or employee, does not violate this policy if the recipient promptly takes reasonable action to return a gift from a prohibited source to its source or gives the gift or an amount equal to its value to an appropriate charity that is exempt from income taxation under [Section 26 U.S.C. §501\(c\)\(3\)](#) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### Enforcement

The Board President and Superintendent shall seek guidance from the Board attorney concerning compliance with and enforcement of this policy and State ethics laws. The Board may, as necessary or prudent, appoint an Ethics Advisor for this task.

Written complaints alleging a violation of this policy shall be filed with the Superintendent or Board President. If attempts to correct any misunderstanding or problem do not resolve the matter, the Superintendent or Board President shall, after consulting with the Board attorney, either place the alleged violation on a Board meeting agenda for the Board's disposition or refer the complainant to Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A Board member who is related, either by blood or by marriage, up to the degree of first cousin, to the person who is the subject of the complaint, shall not participate in any decision-making capacity for the Board. If the Board finds it more likely than not that the allegations in a complaint are true, it shall notify the State's Attorney and/or consider disciplinary action for the employee.

### Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in this policy have the definitions given in the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/1-5.

"Political activity" means:

1. Preparing for, organizing, or participating in any political meeting, political rally, political demonstration, or other political event.
2. Soliciting contributions, including but not limited to the purchase of, selling, distributing, or receiving payment for tickets for any political fundraiser, political meeting, or other political event.
3. Soliciting, planning the solicitation of, or preparing any document or report regarding anything of value intended as a campaign contribution.
4. Planning, conducting, or participating in a public opinion poll in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question.
5. Surveying or gathering information from potential or actual voters in an election to determine probable vote outcome in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question.
6. Assisting at the polls on Election Day on behalf of any political organization or candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question.
7. Soliciting votes on behalf of a candidate for elective office or a political organization or for or against any referendum question or helping in an effort to get voters to the polls.
8. Initiating for circulation, preparing, circulating, reviewing, or filing any petition on behalf of a candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question.
9. Making contributions on behalf of any candidate for elective office in that capacity or in connection with a campaign for elective office.
10. Preparing or reviewing responses to candidate questionnaires.
11. Distributing, preparing for distribution, or mailing campaign literature, campaign signs, or other campaign material on behalf of any candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question.
12. Campaigning for any elective office or for or against any referendum question.
13. Managing or working on a campaign for elective office or for or against any referendum question.
14. Serving as a delegate, alternate, or proxy to a political party convention.

15. Participating in any recount or challenge to the outcome of any election.

With respect to an employee whose hours are not fixed, "compensated time" includes any period of time when the employee is on premises under the control of the District and any other time when the employee is executing his or her official duties, regardless of location.

"Prohibited source" means any person or entity who:

1. Is seeking official action by: (a) a Board member, or (b) an employee, or by the Board member or another employee directing that employee;
2. Does business or seeks to do business with: (a) a Board member, or (b) an employee, or with the Board member or another employee directing that employee;
3. Conducts activities regulated by: (a) a Board member, or (b) an employee or by the Board member or another employee directing that employee;
4. Has an interest that may be substantially affected by the performance or non-performance of the official duties of the Board member or employee;
5. Is registered or required to be registered with the Secretary of State under the Lobbyist Registration Act, except that an entity does not become a prohibited source merely because a registered lobbyist is one of its members or serves on its board of directors; or
6. Is an agent of, a spouse of, or an immediate family member living with a prohibited source.

"Gift" means any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including but not limited to, cash, food and drink, and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to government employment or the official position of a Board member or employee.

#### Complaints of Sexual Harassment Made Against Board Members by Elected Officials [PRESSPlus1](#)

Pursuant to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/70-5), members of the Board and other elected officials are encouraged to promptly report claims of sexual harassment by a Board member. Every effort should be made to file such complaints as soon as possible, while facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If the official feels comfortable doing so, he or she should directly inform the individual that the individual's conduct or communication is offensive and must stop.

Board members and elected officials should report claims of sexual harassment against a member of the Board to the Board President or Superintendent. If the report is made to the Superintendent, the Superintendent shall promptly notify the President, or if the President is the subject of the complaint, the Vice President. Reports of sexual harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable.

When a complaint of sexual harassment is made against a member of the Board by another Board member or other elected official, the Board President shall appoint a qualified outside investigator who is not a District employee or Board member to conduct an independent review of the allegations. If the allegations concern the President, or the President is a witness or otherwise conflicted, the Vice President shall make the appointment. If the allegations concern both the President and Vice President, and/or they are witnesses or otherwise conflicted, the Board Secretary shall make the appointment. The investigator shall prepare a written report and submit it to the Board. [Q1 PRESSPlus2](#)

If a Board member has engaged in sexual harassment, the matter will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board. [PRESSPlus3](#)

The Superintendent will post this policy on the District website and/or make this policy available in the District's administrative office. [PRESSPlus4](#)

LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 430/, State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

10 ILCS 5/9-25.1, Election Interference Prohibition Act.

CROSS REF.:2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), [2:110 \(Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers\)](#), [2:260 \(Uniform Grievance Procedure\)](#), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest)

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#### Questions and Answers:

\*\*\*Required Question 1. Would the Board like to authorize the Board President or the superintendent to appoint the outside investigator when a complaint of sexual harassment is made against a member of the Board by another Board member or elected official?

- The Board President (default)
  - The Superintendent (this will also affect policy 2:110 - be sure the same answer is entered for both policies.)
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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (SOEEA), 5 ILCS 430/70-5, amended by P.A. 101-221, requiring boards to amend their sexual harassment policies by resolution to include a mechanism for reporting and independent review of sexual harassment allegations made against board members by elected officials. The resolution must be adopted by February 9, 2020; see 5:20-E, *Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment*, for more information.

This policy includes both elected and appointed board members to effectuate the intent of the law, to comprehensively address sexual harassment in the workplace, and for consistent treatment. The statute does not address whether the *independent review* must or may be limited to a board member's conduct in his or her official capacity, or if it can extend to a board member's behavior in his or her individual capacity. Consult the board attorney for advice.

This policy only addresses the requirements of the SOEEA; it does not address harassment complaints made by employees or other non-elected individuals against board members. Such complaints may be processed under policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. See policy 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited* for information about what types of conduct may rise to the level of unlawful sexual harassment under federal and State laws.

### **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. 5 ILCS 430/70-5(a), amended by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20. The law requires governmental units, including school districts, to conduct an *independent review* of allegations of sexual harassment made against an elected official by another elected official; however, that term is not defined. Consult the board attorney about how to investigate such complaints. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. A board's ability to address the harassing behavior of a board member is relatively limited because it does not have the legal authority to remove one of its members. See policy 2:60, *Board Member Removal from Office*, for more information about board member removal. Consult the board attorney when dealing with a claim of sexual harassment by a board member to discuss enforcement options, as well as the accused board member's participation in any decisions regarding the complaint. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 4. This paragraph is optional, but it aligns with the intent of P.A. 101-221. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### SCHOOL BOARD

#### **2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers**

The School Board officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers are elected or appointed by the Board at its organizational meeting.

##### President

The Board elects a President from its members for a one-year term. The duties of the President are:

1. Preside at all meetings;
2. Focus the Board meeting agendas on appropriate content;
3. Make all Board committee appointments, subject to Board approval;
4. Sign official District documents requiring the President's signature, including Board minutes and Certificate of Tax Levy;
5. Call special meetings of the Board;
6. Serve as the *head of the public body* for purposes of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act;
7. Ensure that a quorum of the Board is physically present at all Board meetings;
8. Serve as or appoint the Board's official spokesperson to the media; and
9. Except when the Board President is the subject of a complaint of sexual harassment, a witness, or otherwise conflicted, appoint a qualified outside investigator to conduct an independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by another Board member or elected official. [Q1 PRESSPlus1](#)

The President is permitted to participate in all Board meetings in a manner equal to all other Board members, including the ability to make and second motions.

The Vice President fills a vacancy in the Presidency.

##### Vice President

The Board elects a Vice President from its members for a one-year term. The Vice President performs the duties of the President if:

1. The office of President is vacant;
2. The President is absent; or
3. The President is unable to perform the office's duties.

A vacancy in the Vice Presidency is filled by a special Board election.

##### Secretary

The Board elects a Secretary for a one-year term. The Secretary may be, but is not required to be, a Board member. The Secretary may receive reasonable compensation as determined by the Board before appointment. However, if the Secretary is a Board member, the compensation shall not exceed \$500 per year, as fixed by the Board at least 180 days before the beginning of the term. The duties of the Secretary are to:

1. Keep meeting minutes for all Board meetings, and keep the verbatim record for all closed Board meetings;
2. Mail meeting notification and agenda to news media who have officially requested copies;
3. Keep records of the Board's official acts, and sign them, along with the President, before submitting them to the Treasurer at such times as the Treasurer may require;
4. Report to the Treasurer on or before July 7, annually, such information as the Treasurer is required to include in the Treasurer's report to the Regional Superintendent;
5. Act as the local election official for the District;
6. Arrange public inspection of the budget before adoption;
7. Publish required notices;
8. Sign official District documents requiring the Secretary's signature; and

9. Maintain Board policy and such other official documents as directed by the Board.

The Secretary may delegate some or all of these duties, except when State law prohibits the delegation. The Board appoints a secretary pro tempore, who may or may not be a Board member, if the Secretary is absent from any meeting or refuses to perform the duties of the office. A permanent vacancy in the office of Secretary is filled by special Board election.

#### Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall:

1. Assist the Secretary by taking the minutes for all open Board meetings;
2. Assemble Board meeting material and provide it, along with prior meeting minutes, to Board members before the next meeting; and
3. Perform the Secretary's duties, as assigned, except when State law prohibits the delegation.

In addition, the Recording Secretary or Superintendent receives notification from Board members who desire to attend a Board meeting by video or audio means.

#### Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Board shall be either a member of the Board who serves a one-year term or a non-Board member who serves at the Board's pleasure. A Treasurer who is a Board member may not be compensated. A Treasurer who is not a Board member may be compensated provided it is established before the appointment. The Treasurer must:

1. Be at least 21 years old;
2. Not be a member of the County Board of School Trustees; and
3. Have a financial background or related experience, or 12 credit hours of college-level accounting.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Furnish a bond, which shall be approved by a majority of the full Board;
2. Maintain custody of school funds;
3. Maintain records of school funds and balances;
4. Prepare a monthly reconciliation report for the Superintendent and Board; and
5. Receive, hold, and expend District funds only upon the order of the Board.

A vacancy in the Treasurer's office is filled by Board appointment.

LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 120/7 and 420/4A-106.

105 ILCS 5/8-1, 5/8-2, 5/8-3, 5/8-6, 5/8-16, 5/8-17, 5/10-1, 5/10-5, 5/10-7, 5/10-8, 5/10-13, 5/10-13.1, 5/10-14, 5/10-16.5, and 5/17-1.

CROSS REF.:2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), [2:105 \(Ethics and Gift Ban\)](#), 2:150 (Committees), 2:210 (Organizational School Board Meeting), 2:220 (School Board Meeting Procedure)

Adopted: September 16, 2019

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#### **Questions and Answers:**

\*\*\*Required Question 1. Would the Board like to authorize the Board President or the superintendent to appoint the outside investigator when a complaint of sexual harassment is made against a member of the Board by another Board member or elected official?

- The Board President (default)
- The Superintendent (this will also affect policy 2:105 - be sure the same answer is entered for both policies.)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (SOEEA), 5 ILCS 430/70-5, amended by 2:110



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### SCHOOL BOARD

#### 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings

##### General

For all meetings of the School Board and its committees, the Superintendent or designee shall satisfy all notice and posting requirements contained herein as well as in the Open Meetings Act. This shall include mailing meeting notifications to news media that have officially requested them and to others as approved by the Board. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are held in the Middletown Early Childhood Center. Board policy 2:220, *School Board Meeting Procedure*, governs meeting quorum requirements.

The Superintendent or designee is designated on behalf of the Board and each Board committee to receive the training on compliance with the Open Meetings Act that is required by Section 1.05(a) of that Act. The Superintendent or designee may identify other employees to receive the training. In addition, each Board member must complete a course of training on the Open Meetings Act as required by Section 1.05(b) or (c) of that Act.

##### Regular Meetings

The Board announces the time and place for its regular meetings at the beginning of each fiscal year. The Superintendent shall prepare and make available the calendar of regular Board meetings. The regular meeting calendar may be changed with 10 days' notice in accordance with State law.

A meeting agenda shall be posted at the District's main office and the Board's meeting room, or other location where the meeting is to be held, at least 48 hours before the meeting.

##### Closed Meetings

The Board and Board committees may meet in a closed meeting to consider the following subjects:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with [the Open Meetings Act]. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 99-646 101-459. [PRESSPlus1](#)
2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
3. The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).
4. Evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law, to a quasi-judicative body, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4).
5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
7. The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7).
8. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), amended by P.A. 99-235, eff. 1-1-16.
9. Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
10. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
11. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before

a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

12. The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the public body or any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool of which the public body is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12).
13. Self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16).
14. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
15. Meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(29).

The Board may hold a closed meeting, or close a portion of a meeting, by a majority vote of a quorum, taken at an open meeting. The vote of each Board member present, and the reason for the closed meeting, will be publicly disclosed at the time of the meeting and clearly stated in the motion and the meeting minutes.

A single motion calling for a series of closed meetings may be adopted when such meetings will involve the same particular matters and are scheduled to be held within 3 months of the vote.

No final Board action will be taken at a closed meeting.

#### Reconvened or Rescheduled Meetings

A meeting may be rescheduled or reconvened. Public notice of a rescheduled or reconvened meeting shall be given in the same manner as that for a special meeting, except that no public notice is required when the original meeting is open to the public and: (1) is to be reconvened within 24 hours, or (2) an announcement of the time and place of the reconvened meeting was made at the original meeting and there is no change in the agenda.

#### Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or by any 3 members of the Board by giving notice thereof, in writing, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting to remaining Board members by mail at least 48 hours before the meeting, or by personal service at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Public notice of a special meeting is given by posting a notice at the District's main office at least 48 hours before the meeting and by notifying the news media that have filed a written request for notice. A meeting agenda shall accompany the notice.

No matters will be discussed, considered, or brought before the Board at any special meeting other than such matters as were included in the stated purpose of the meeting.

#### Emergency Meetings

Public notice of emergency meetings shall be given as soon as practical, but in any event, before the meeting to news media that have filed a written request for notice.

#### Posting on the District Website

In addition to the other notices specified in this policy, the Superintendent or designee shall post the following on the District website: (1) the annual schedule of regular meetings, which shall remain posted until the Board approves a new schedule of regular meetings; (2) a public notice of all Board meetings; and (3) the agenda for each meeting which shall remain posted until the meeting is concluded.

#### LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 120/, Open Meetings Act.

5 ILCS 140/, Freedom of Information Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

CROSS REF.:2:110 (Qualifications Term, and Duties of Board Officers), 2:120 (Board Member Development), 2:210 (Organizational School Board Meetings), 2:220 (School Board Meeting Procedure), 2:230 (Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks)

## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The policy is updated in response to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459, expanding this exception. A disclosable payment also includes payment for accumulated sick leave. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### SCHOOL BOARD

#### **2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure**

A student, parent/guardian, employee, or community member should notify any District Complaint Manager if he or she believes that the School Board, its employees, or its agents have violated his or her rights guaranteed by the State or federal Constitution, State or federal statute, or Board policy, or have a complaint regarding any one of the following:

1. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act
2. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
3. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
4. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.
5. Equal Employment Opportunities Act (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act), 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.
6. Sexual harassment (State Officials and Employee Ethics Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972) PRESSPlus1
7. Breastfeeding accommodations for students, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.60
8. Bullying, 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7
9. Misuse of funds received for services to improve educational opportunities for educationally disadvantaged or deprived children
10. Curriculum, instructional materials, and/or programs
11. Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, 820 ILCS 180
12. Illinois Equal Pay Act of 2003, 820 ILCS 112
13. Provision of services to homeless students
14. Illinois Whistleblower Act, 740 ILCS 174/.
15. Misuse of genetic information (Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act (GIPA), 410 ILCS 513/ and Titles I and II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), 42 U.S.C. §2000ff et seq.)

The Complaint Manager will first attempt to resolve complaints without resorting to this grievance procedure. If a formal complaint is filed under this policy, the Complaint Manager will address the complaint promptly and equitably. A student and/or parent/guardian filing a complaint under this policy may forgo any informal suggestions and/or attempts to resolve it and may proceed directly to this grievance procedure. The Complaint Manager will not require a student or parent/guardian complaining of any form of harassment to attempt to resolve allegations directly with the accused (or the accused's parents/guardians); this includes mediation.

#### Right to Pursue Other Remedies Not Impaired

The right of a person to prompt and equitable resolution of a complaint filed under this policy shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies, e.g., criminal complaints, civil actions, etc. Use of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies and use of this grievance procedure does not extend any filing deadline related to the pursuit of other remedies. If a person is pursuing another remedy subject to a complaint under this policy, the District will continue with a simultaneous investigation under this policy.

#### Deadlines

All deadlines under this policy may be extended by the Complaint Manager as he or she deems appropriate. As used in this policy, *school business days* means days on which the District's main office is open.

#### Filing a Complaint

A person (hereinafter Complainant) who wishes to avail him or herself of this grievance procedure may do so by filing a complaint with any District Complaint Manager. The Complainant shall not be required to file a complaint with a particular Complaint Manager and may request a Complaint Manager of the same gender. The Complaint Manager may request the Complainant to provide a written statement regarding the nature of the complaint or require a meeting with a student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The Complaint Manager shall assist the Complainant as needed.

For any complaint alleging bullying and/or cyberbullying of students, the Complaint Manager shall process and review the complaint according to Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, in addition

to any response required by this policy. For any complaint alleging sexual harassment or other violation of Board policy 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*, the Complaint Manager shall process and review the complaint according to that policy, in addition to any response required by this policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

### Investigation

The Complaint Manager will investigate the complaint or appoint a qualified person to undertake the investigation on his or her behalf. The Complaint Manager shall ensure both parties have an equal opportunity to present evidence during an investigation. If the Complainant is a student, under 18 years of age, the Complaint Manager will notify his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) that they may attend any investigatory meetings in which their child is involved. The complaint and identity of the Complainant will not be disclosed except: (1) as required by law or this policy, (2) as necessary to fully investigate the complaint, or (3) as authorized by the Complainant.

The identity of any student witnesses will not be disclosed except: (1) as required by law or any collective bargaining agreement, (2) as necessary to fully investigate the complaint, or (3) as authorized by the parent/guardian of the student witness, or by the student if the student is 18 years of age or older.

The Complaint Manager will inform, at regular intervals, the person(s) filing a complaint under this policy about the status of the investigation. Within 30 school business days of the date the complaint was filed, the Complaint Manager shall file a written report of his or her findings with the Superintendent. The Complaint Manager may request an extension of time.

The Superintendent will keep the Board informed of all complaints.

If a complaint contains allegations involving the Superintendent or Board member(s), the written report shall be filed directly with the Board, which will make a decision in accordance with paragraph four of the following section of this policy.

### Decision and Appeal

Within five school business days after receiving the Complaint Manager's report, the Superintendent shall mail his or her written decision to the Complainant and the accused by first class U.S. mail as well as to the Complaint Manager. All decisions shall be based upon the *preponderance of evidence* standard.

Within 10 school business days after receiving the Superintendent's decision, the Complainant or the accused may appeal the decision to the Board by making a written request to the Complaint Manager. The Complaint Manager shall promptly forward all materials relative to the complaint and appeal to the Board.

Within 30 school business days, the Board shall affirm, reverse, or amend the Superintendent's decision or direct the Superintendent to gather additional information. Within five school business days of the Board's decision, the Superintendent shall inform the Complainant and the accused of the Board's action.

For complaints containing allegations involving the Superintendent or Board member(s), within 30 school business days after receiving the Complaint Manager's or outside investigator's report, [PRESSPlus2](#) the Board shall mail its written decision to the Complainant and the accused by first class U.S. mail as well as to the Complaint Manager.

This policy shall not be construed to create an independent right to a hearing before the Superintendent or Board. The failure to strictly follow the timelines in this grievance procedure shall not prejudice any party.

### Appointing a Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator to manage the District's efforts to provide equal opportunity employment and educational opportunities and prohibit the harassment of employees, students, and others. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator.

The Superintendent shall appoint at least one Complaint Manager to administer the complaint process in this policy. If possible, the Superintendent will appoint two Complaint Managers, one of each gender. The District's Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be appointed as one of the Complaint Managers.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy and keep current the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and the Complaint Managers. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students, parents/guardians, employees, and members of the community are informed of the contact information for the District's Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers on an annual basis.

### **Nondiscrimination Coordinator:**

Dr. Lindsey Hall, Superintendent

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### Complaint Managers:

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### LEGAL REF.:

Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §621 et seq.

Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

Equal Employment Opportunities Act (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act), 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.

Equal Pay Act, 29 U.S.C. §206(d).

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000ff et seq.

Immigration Reform and Control Act, 8 U.S.C. §1324a et seq.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §791 et seq.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.

Title IX of the Education Amendments, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.

State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/70-5(a).

105 ILCS 5/2-3.8, 5/3-10, 5/10-20.7a, 5/10-20.60, 5/10-22.5, 5/22-19, 5/24-4, 5/27-1, 5/27-23.7, and 45/1-15. Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act, 410 ILCS 513/.

Illinois Whistleblower Act, 740 ILCS 174/.

Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/.

Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, 820 ILCS 180/, 56 Ill.Admin.Code Part 280.

Equal Pay Act of 2003, 820 ILCS 112/.

Employee Credit Privacy Act, 820 ILCS 70/.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.240 and 200-40.

CROSS REF.:2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities), 8:95 (Parental Involvement), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

Adopted: August 20, 2018

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### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-418, eff. 1-1-20, requires school districts to create, maintain, and implement an age-appropriate sexual harassment policy. See policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*, and see its f/n 7 (available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com)) for further information. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated to align with changes made to policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*, in response to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/70-5, amended by P.A. 101-221, requiring boards to amend their sexual harassment policies to include a mechanism for reporting and independent review of sexual harassment allegations made against board members by elected officials. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### 4:30 Revenue and Investments

##### Revenue

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for making all claims for property tax revenue, State Aid, special State funds for specific programs, federal funds, and categorical grants.

##### Investments

The Superintendent shall either appoint a Chief Investment Officer or serve as one. The Chief Investment Officer shall invest money that is not required for current operations, in accordance with this policy and State law.

The Chief Investment Officer and Superintendent shall use the standard of prudence when making investment decisions. They shall use the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, that persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of their capital as well as its probable income.

##### Investment Objectives

The objectives for the School District's investment activities are:

1. Safety of Principal - Every investment is made with safety as the primary and over-riding concern. Each investment transaction shall ensure that capital loss, whether from credit or market risk, is avoided.
2. Liquidity - The investment portfolio shall provide sufficient liquidity to pay District obligations as they become due. In this regard, the maturity and marketability of investments shall be considered.
3. Rate of Return - The highest return on investments is sought, consistent with the preservation of principal and prudent investment principles.
4. Diversification - The investment portfolio is diversified as to materials and investments, as appropriate to the nature, purpose, and amount of the funds.

##### Authorized Investments

The Chief Investment Officer may invest any District funds in any investment as authorized in 30 ILCS 235/2, and Acts amended thereto.

Except as provided herein, investments may be made only in banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, or credit unions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other approved share insurer.

The Chief Investment Officer and Superintendent shall regularly consider material, relevant, and decision-useful sustainability factors in evaluating investment decisions, within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence. Such factors include, but are not limited to: (1) corporate governance and leadership factors, (2) environmental factors, (3) social capital factors, (4) human capital factors, and (5) business model and innovation factors, as provided under the Ill. Sustainable Investing Act, 30 ILCS 238/.[PRESSPlus1](#)

##### Selection of Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers, and Brokers

The Chief Investment Officer shall establish a list of authorized depositories, investment managers, dealers and brokers based upon the creditworthiness, reputation, minimum capital requirements, qualifications under State law, as well as a long history of dealing with public fund entities. The Board will review the list at least annually.

In order to be an authorized depository, each institution must submit copies of the last two sworn statements of resources and liabilities or reports of examination, that the institution is required to furnish to the appropriate State or federal agency. Each institution designated as a depository shall, while acting as such depository, furnish the District with a copy of all statements of resources and liabilities or all reports of examination, that it is required to furnish to the appropriate State or federal agency.

The above eligibility requirements of a bank to receive or hold public deposits do not apply to investments in an interest-bearing savings account, interest-bearing certificate of deposit, or interest-bearing time deposit if: (1) the District initiates the investment at or through a bank located in Illinois, and (2) the invested public funds are at all times fully insured by an agency or instrumentality of the federal government.

The District may consider a financial institution's record and current level of financial commitment to its local community when deciding whether to deposit funds in that financial institution. The District may consider factors including:

1. For financial institutions subject to the federal Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, the current and historical ratings that the financial institution has received, to the extent that those ratings are publicly available, under the federal Community Reinvestment Act of 1977;
2. Any changes in ownership, management, policies, or practices of the financial institution that may affect the level of the financial institution's commitment to its community;
3. The financial impact that the withdrawal or denial of District deposits might have on the financial institution;
4. The financial impact to the District as a result of withdrawing public funds or refusing to deposit additional public funds in the financial institution; and
5. Any additional burden on the District's resources that might result from ceasing to maintain deposits of public funds at the financial institution under consideration.

#### Collateral Requirements

All amounts deposited or invested with financial institutions in excess of any insurance limit shall be collateralized in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, 30 ILCS 235/. The Superintendent or designee shall keep the Board informed of collateral agreements.

#### Safekeeping and Custody Arrangements

The preferred method for safekeeping is to have securities registered in the District's name and held by a third-party custodian. Safekeeping practices should qualify for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 3, Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements, Category I, the highest recognized safekeeping procedures.

#### Controls and Report

The Chief Investment Officer shall establish a system of internal controls and written operational procedures to prevent losses arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or imprudent employee action.

The Chief Investment Officer shall provide a quarterly investment report to the Board. The report will: (1) assess whether the investment portfolio is meeting the District's investment objectives, (2) identify each security by class or type, book value, income earned, and market value, (3) identify those institutions providing investment services to the District, and (4) include any other relevant information. The investment portfolio's performance shall be measured by appropriate and creditable industry standards for the investment type.

The Board will determine, after receiving the Superintendent's recommendation, which fund is in most need of interest income and the Superintendent shall execute a transfer. This provision does not apply when the use of interest earned on a particular fund is restricted.

#### Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

The Board and District officials will avoid any investment transaction or practice that in appearance or fact might impair public confidence. Board members are bound by the Board policy 2:100, *Board Member Conflict of Interest*. No District employee having influence on the District's investment decisions shall:

1. Have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any investments in which the District is authorized to invest,
2. Have any interest, directly or indirectly, in the sellers, sponsors, or managers of those investments, or
3. Receive, in any manner, compensation of any kind from any investments in that the agency is authorized to invest.

#### LEGAL REF.:

30 ILCS 235/, Public Funds Investment Act.

30 ILCS 238/, III. Sustainable Investing Act.

105 ILCS 5/8-7, 5/10-22.44, 5/17-1, and 5/17-11.

CROSS REF.:2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 4:10 (Fiscal and Business Management), 4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

Adopted: September 16, 2019

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Public Funds Investment Act, 30 ILCS 235/, amended by P.A. 101-473, eff. 1-1-20. See the Ill. Sustainable Investing Act (SIA) (30 ILCS 238/, added by P.A. 101-473, eff. 1-1-20) for examples of these five *sustainability factors*. Under the SIA, school districts, must “prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment decisions-making, investment analysis, portfolio construction, due diligence, and investment ownership in order to maximize anticipated financial returns, minimize projected risk, and more effectively execute its fiduciary duty.” **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### 4:60 Purchases and Contracts

The Superintendent shall manage the District's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable School Board policies.

##### Standards for Purchasing and Contracting

All purchases and contracts shall be entered into in accordance with State law. The Board Attorney shall be consulted as needed regarding the legal requirements for purchases or contracts. All contracts shall be approved or authorized by the Board.

All purchases and contracts should support a recognized District function or purpose as well as provide for good quality products and services at the lowest cost, with consideration for service, reliability, and delivery promptness, and in compliance with State law. No purchase or contract shall be made or entered into as a result of favoritism, extravagance, fraud, or corruption.

Adoption of the annual budget authorizes the Superintendent or designee to purchase budgeted supplies, equipment, and services, provided that State law is followed. Purchases of items outside budget parameters require prior Board approval, except in an emergency. Notwithstanding the above, the Superintendent shall not commit to any single, non-customary purchase or expenditure, excluding personnel, without board approval, unless an emergency situation exists.

When presenting a contract or purchase for Board approval, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that it complies with applicable State law, including but not limited to, those specified below:

1. Supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 must comply with the State law bidding procedure, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, unless specifically exempted.
2. Construction, lease, or purchase of school buildings must comply with State law and Board policy 4:150, *Facility Management and Building Programs*.
3. Guaranteed energy savings must comply with 105 ILCS 5/19b-1 et seq.
4. Third party non-instructional services must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34c.
5. Goods and services that are intended to generate revenue and other remunerations for the District in excess of \$1,000, including without limitation vending machine contracts, sports and other attire, class rings, and photographic services, must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21(b-5). The Superintendent or designee shall keep a record of: (1) each vendor, product, or service provided, (2) the actual net revenue and non-monetary remuneration from each contract or agreement, and (3) how the revenue was used and to whom the non-monetary remuneration was distributed. The Superintendent or designee shall report this information to the Board by completing the necessary forms that must be attached to the District's annual budget.
6. Any contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21(b-10).
7. The purchase of paper and paper products must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c and Board policy 4:70, *Resource Conservation*.
8. Each contractor with the District is bound by each of the following:
  - a. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(f): (1) prohibit any of its employees who is or was found guilty of a criminal offense listed in 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(c) and 5/21B-80(c) to have direct, daily contact at a District school or school-related activity with one or more student(s); (2) prohibits any of the contractor's employees from having direct, daily contact with one or more students if the employee was found guilty of any offense in 5/21B-80(b) (certain drug offenses) until seven years following the end of the employee's sentence for the criminal offense; and (3) require each of its employees who will have direct, daily contact with student(s) to cooperate during the District's fingerprint-based criminal history records check on him or her.
  - b. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-5: (1) concerning each new employee of a contractor that provides services to students or in schools who begins providing services in the District after June 16, 2014, [PRESSPlus1](#) provide the District with evidence of physical fitness to perform the duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease if the employee will have direct, daily contact with one or more student(s); and (2) require any new or existing employee who has and will have direct, daily contact with one or more student(s) to complete additional health examinations as required by the District and be subject to additional health examinations, including tuberculosis screening, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health rules or order of a local health official.

The Superintendent or designee shall: (1) execute the reporting and website posting mandates in State law concerning District

contracts, and (2) monitor the discharge of contracts, contractors' performances, and the quality and value of services or products being provided.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c, 5/10-20.21, 5/10-21.9, 5/10-22.34c, 5/19b-1 et seq., and 5/24-5.

820 ILCS 130/.

CROSS REF.:2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 4:70 (Resource Conservation), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications)

~~ADOPTED: March 13, 2017~~

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**PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/24-5, amended by P.A. 101-81, and to remove the 2014 date. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## *Document Status: Draft Update*

### OPERATIONAL SERVICES

#### **4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs**

The Superintendent shall manage the District's facilities and grounds as well as facility construction and building programs in accordance the law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable School Board policies. The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with and facilitate: (1) inspections of schools by Regional Superintendent and State Fire Marshal or designee, (2) review of plans and specifications for future construction or alterations of a school if requested by the relevant municipality, county (if applicable), or fire protection district, and (3) compliance with the 10-year safety survey process required by the School Code.

##### Standards for Managing Buildings and Grounds

All District buildings and grounds shall be adequately maintained in order to provide an appropriate, safe, and energy efficient physical environment for learning and teaching. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports on maintenance data and projected maintenance needs that include cost analysis. Prior Board approval is needed for all renovations or permanent alterations to buildings or grounds when the total cost will exceed \$12,500, including the cost equivalent of staff time. This policy is not intended to discourage efforts to improve the appearance of buildings or grounds that are consistent with the designated use of those buildings and grounds.

##### Standards for Green Cleaning

For each District school with 50 or more students, the Superintendent or designee shall establish and supervise a green cleaning program that complies with the guidelines established by the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council.

##### Standards for Facility Construction and Building Programs

As appropriate, the Board will authorize the production of a comprehensive study to determine the need for facility construction and expansion. On an annual basis, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with projected facility needs, enrollment trends, and other data impacting facility use. Board approval is needed for all new facility construction and expansion.

When making decisions pertaining to design and construction of school facilities, the Board will confer with members of the staff and community, the Ill. State Board of Education, and educational and architectural consultants, as it deems appropriate. The Board's facility goals are to:

1. Integrate facilities planning with other aspects of planning and goal-setting.
2. Base educational specifications for school buildings on identifiable student needs.
3. Design buildings for sufficient flexibility to permit new or modified programs.
4. Design buildings for maximum potential for community use.
5. Meet or exceed all safety requirements.
6. Meet requirements on the accessibility of school facilities to disabled persons as specified in State or federal law.
7. Provide for low maintenance costs, energy efficiency, and minimal environmental impact.

##### Naming Buildings and Facilities

Recognizing that the name for a school building, facility, field, or property reflects on its public image, the Board shall have the sole authority regarding all naming decisions. The Board's primary consideration will be to select a name that enhances the credibility and stature of the District. Any request to name (or rename) a new or existing facility should be submitted to the Board. The Board President may appoint a special committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation, along with supporting rationale, to the Board. The Board will make the final selection.

Staff members may be recognized for their service to the District by having a District facility or property named for them, by the naming of a room, or by having a plaque placed in the entrance way of a building. The Board will consider such naming requests for staff recognition if the following criteria are met:

1. A time period of at least three (3) years should exist between the retirement of the individual from teaching or an activity, whichever date is later.
2. The individual should have served the District for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
3. The individual should have sponsored the activity for a minimum of twenty (20) years.

4. The individual should have demonstrated a degree of success or achievement in the activity.
5. Consideration should be given to the individual's community involvement, the quality of the individual's character, and the impact that the individual has had on youth.
6. A petition from the community supporting the naming request should be submitted to the Board of Education with a minimum of seven hundred and fifty (750) signatures. The signatures must be registered voters in the Mahomet-Seymour School District or alumni of the school district.

The Board shall have the sole authority to recognize non-staff members.

LEGAL REF.:

42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, implemented by 28 C.F.R. Parts 35 and 36.

20 ILCS 3130/, Green Buildings Act.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.12, 5/10-20.49, 5/10-22.36, 5/10-20.63 and 5/17-2.11.

105 ILCS 140/, Green Cleaning Schools Act.

105 ILCS 230/, School Construction Law.

410 ILCS 25/, Environmental Barriers Act.

410 ILCS 35/25, Equitable Restrooms Act. [PRESSPlus1](#)

820 ILCS 130/, Prevailing Wage Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 151, School Construction Program; Part 180, Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools; and Part 2800, Green Cleaning for Elementary and Secondary Schools.

71 Ill.Admin.Code Part 400, Ill. Accessibility Code.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:170 (Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

Adopted: July 15, 2019

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**PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated. 410 ILCS 35/25, added by P.A. 101-165, eff. 1-1-20, requires schools to identify all single-occupancy restrooms as all-gender. It is unclear if this law will apply only to those restrooms made available to members of the public in schools, or if it will also include facilities designated as employee-only. The Ill. Dept. of Public Health enforces this requirement and may issue regulations to address this issue. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### General Personnel

#### 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

The School District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, marital status, arrest record, military status, order of protection status, unfavorable military discharge, citizenship status provided the individual is authorized to work in the United States, use of lawful products while not at work, being a victim of domestic violence, or sexual violence, or gender violence, <sup>PRESSPlus1</sup> genetic information; physical or mental handicap or disability, if otherwise able to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; credit history, unless a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position; or other legally protected categories. No one will be penalized solely for his or her status as a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver for purposes of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, 410 ILCS 130/.

Persons who believe they have not received equal employment opportunities should report their claims to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or a Complaint Manager for the Uniform Grievance Procedure. These individuals are listed below. No employee or applicant will be discriminated or retaliated against because he or she: (1) requested, attempted to request, used, or attempted to use a reasonable accommodation as allowed by the Illinois Human Rights Act, or (2) initiated a complaint, was a witness, supplied information, or otherwise participated in an investigation or proceeding involving an alleged violation of this policy or State or federal laws, rules or regulations, provided the employee or applicant did not make a knowingly false accusation nor provide knowingly false information.

#### Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator for personnel who shall be responsible for coordinating the District's nondiscrimination efforts. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be the Superintendent or a Complaint Manager for the Uniform Grievance Procedure. The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers.

#### **Nondiscrimination Coordinator:**

Dr. Lindsey Hall, Superintendent  
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The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members and applicants that the District is an equal opportunity employer, such as, by posting required notices and including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

#### Minority Recruitment

The District will attempt to recruit and hire minority employees. The implementation of this policy may include advertising openings in minority publications, participating in minority job fairs, and recruiting at colleges and universities with significant minority enrollments. This policy, however, does not require or permit the District to give preferential treatment or special rights based on a protected status without evidence of past discrimination.

#### LEGAL REF.:

8 U.S.C. §1324a et seq., Immigration Reform and Control Act.

20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, implemented by 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

29 U.S.C. §206(d), Equal Pay Act.

29 U.S.C. §621 et seq., Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

29 U.S.C. §7091 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

38 U.S.C. §4301 et seq., Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (1994).

42 U.S.C. §1981 et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1991.

42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, implemented by 29 C.F.R. Part 1601.

42 U.S.C. §2000ff et seq., Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq., Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

42 U.S.C. §2000e(k), Pregnancy Discrimination Act.

42 U.S.C. §12111 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act, Title I.

Ill. Constitution, Art. I, §§17, 18, and 19.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.7, 5/20.7a, 5/21.1, 5/22.4, 5/23.5, 5/22-19, 5/24-4, 5/24-4.1, and 5/24-7.

410 ILCS 130/40, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.

410 ILCS 513/25, Genetic Information Privacy Protection Act.

740 ILCS 174/, Ill. Whistleblower Act.

775 ILCS 5/1-103, 5/2-102, 103, and 5/6-101, Ill. Human Rights Act.

775 ILCS 35/5, Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

820 ILCS 55/10, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.

820 ILCS 70/, Employee Credit Privacy Act.

820 ILCS 75/, Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act.

820 ILCS 112/, Ill. Equal Pay Act of 2003.

820 ILCS 180/30, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

820 ILCS 260/, Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

CROSS REF.:2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 5:70 (Religious Holidays), 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 5:270 (Employment, At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment), 5:300 (Schedules and Employment Year), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

ADOPTED: March 13, 2017

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## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Victims' Economic and Safety Act, 820 ILCS 180/ (VESSA), amended by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20, adding *gender violence* to the law's protections. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### General Personnel

#### 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

The School District expects the workplace environment to be productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment. District employees shall not engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, citizenship status, disability, pregnancy, marital status, order of protection status, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service, nor shall they engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's other protected status identified in Board policy 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*. Harassment of students, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, is prohibited by Board policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The District will take remedial and corrective action to address unlawful workplace harassment, including sexual harassment.

#### Sexual Harassment Prohibited

The School District shall provide a workplace environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law. The District provides annual sexual harassment prevention training in accordance with State law. [PRESSPlus2](#)

District employees shall not make unwelcome sexual advances or request sexual favors or engage in any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Sexual harassment prohibited by this policy includes, but is not limited to, verbal, physical, or other conduct. The terms intimidating, hostile, or offensive include, but are not limited to, conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Sexual harassment will be evaluated in light of all the circumstances.

#### Making a Complaint

Employees and nonemployees (persons who are not otherwise employees and are directly performing services for the District pursuant to a contract with the District, including contractors and consultants) are encouraged to promptly report information regarding violations of this policy. Employees Individuals may choose to report to a person of the individual employee's same gender. Every effort should be made to file such complaints as soon as possible, while facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

Aggrieved employees individuals, if they feel comfortable doing so, should directly inform the person engaging in the harassing conduct or communication that such conduct or communication is offensive and must stop.

#### Whom to Contact with a Report or Complaint

An employee should report claims of harassment, including making a confidential report, to any of the following: his/her immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager. Employees may also report claims using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. If a claim is reported using Board policy 2:260, then the Complaint Manager shall process and review the complaint according to that policy, in addition to any response required by this policy ~~5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited~~.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers.

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### Investigation Process

Supervisors, Building Principals, or administrators who receive a report or complaint of harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager. A supervisor or administrator who fails to promptly forward a report or complaint may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain a workplace environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment. The District shall investigate alleged workplace harassment when the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or Complaint Manager becomes aware of an allegation, regardless of whether a written report or complaint is filed.

### Enforcement

A violation of this policy may result in discipline, up to and including discharge. A violation of this policy by a third party will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, i.e., vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any employee making a knowingly false accusation regarding harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

### Retaliation Prohibited

An employee's employment, compensation, or work assignment shall not be adversely affected by complaining or providing information about harassment. Retaliation against employees for bringing bona fide complaints or providing information about harassment is prohibited (see Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*), and whistleblower protection may be available under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/), the Whistleblower Act (740 ILCS 174/), and the Ill. Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/).

An employee should report allegations of retaliation to his/her immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

Employees who retaliate against others for reporting or complaining of violations of this policy or for participating in the reporting or complaint process will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

### Recourse to State and Federal Fair Employment Practice Agencies

The District encourages all employees who have information regarding violations of this policy to report the information pursuant to this policy. The following government agencies are available to assist employees: the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights and the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members, ~~and~~ applicants, and nonemployees of this policy, which shall include posting on the District website and/or making this policy available in the District's administrative office, and reprinting including this policy in the appropriate handbooks. [PRESSPlus3](#)

### LEGAL REF.:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., implemented by 29 C.F.R. §1604.11.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., implemented by 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/70-5(a).

Ill. Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/2-101(E) and (E-1), 5/2-102(A), (A-10), (D-5), 5/2-102(E-5), 5/2-109, 5/5-102, and 5/5-102.2.

56 Ill. Admin.Code Parts 2500, 2510, 5210, and 5220.

Burlington Industries v. Ellerth, 524 U.S. 742 (1998).

Crawford v. Metro. Gov't of Nashville & Davidson County, 555 U.S. 271 (2009).

Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, 524 U.S. 775 (1998).

Franklin v. Gwinnett Co. Public Schools, 503 U.S. 60 (1992).

Harris v. Forklift Systems, 510 U.S. 17 (1993).

Jackson v. Birmingham Bd of Educ., 544 U.S. 167 (2005).

Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson, 477 U.S. 57 (1986).

Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Services, 523 U.S. 75 (1998).

Porter v. Erie Foods International, Inc., 576 F.3d 629 (7th Cir. 2009).

Sangamon County Sheriff's Dept. v. Ill. Human Rights Com'n, 233 Ill.2d 125 (Ill. 2009).

Vance v. Ball State University, 133 S. Ct. 2434 (2013).

CROSS REF.:2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited)

Adopted: August 20, 2018

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Ill. Human Rights Act (IHRA), 775 ILCS 5/, amended by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20, expanding the definition of unlawful harassment and employer liability for certain categories of employees and nonemployees (persons who are not otherwise employees and are directly performing services for the District pursuant to a contract with the District, including contractors and consultants).

*Working environment* is not limited to a physical location to which an employee is assigned. Harassment is unlawful on the basis of the specifically-listed categories in this policy whether that status is *actual* or *perceived*. An employer is liable under the IHRA for harassment by its nonmanagerial and nonsupervisory employees or if it becomes aware of the conduct and fails to take reasonable corrective measures. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to the Ill. Human Rights Act (IHRA), 775 ILCS 5/2-109, added by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20. Districts may use a free, online model program to be offered by the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights (IDHR), develop their own program, or utilize a combination of the two, as long as it includes the following, at a minimum: (1) an explanation of sexual harassment consistent with the IHRA, (2) examples of conduct that constitutes unlawful harassment, (3) a summary of relevant federal and State law concerning sexual harassment and remedies available to victims of sexual harassment, and (4) a summary of responsibilities of employers in the prevention, investigation, and corrective measures of sexual harassment.

Employers that fail to comply with this training requirement may face financial penalties. Training on other types of workplace harassment is not required by law, however it is best practice. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. Informing nonemployees is not required by law. However, given the potential for employer liability under the IHRA for harassment of nonemployees, best practice is to publicize this policy to those individuals as well. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### Workplace Harassment Prohibited

#### 5:20-E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment

WHEREAS, Section 10-20 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20) grants school boards other powers that are not inconsistent with their duties;

WHEREAS, Section 1-5 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-5) includes school districts within the definition of a *governmental entity*;

WHEREAS, Section 5-65 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/5-65, added by P.A. 100-554) provides that all persons have a right to work in an environment free from sexual harassment;

WHEREAS, Section 70-5 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/70-5, amended by P.A.s 100-554 and 101-221) requires governmental entities to adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing a policy to prohibit sexual harassment which, at a minimum, includes: (1) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (2) details on how an individual can report an allegation of sexual harassment, including options for making a confidential report to a supervisor, ethics officer, Inspector General, or the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights; (3) a prohibition on retaliation for reporting sexual harassment allegations, including availability of whistleblower protections under the Act, the Whistleblower Act (740 ILCS 174/), and the Ill. Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/); and (4) the consequences: (a) of a violation of the prohibition on sexual harassment; and (b) for knowingly making a false report; and (5) a mechanism for reporting and independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by a fellow Board member or other elected official. [PRESSPlus1](#)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Mahomet-Seymour CUSD 3, Champaign and Piatt Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The Board adopts Board policies 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban, and 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited, attached as Exhibit A, which collectively contains the following: (1) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (2) detail regarding how an individual can report an allegation of sexual harassment, including options for making a confidential report to an immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, a Complaint Manager, or the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights; (3) a prohibition on retaliation for reporting sexual harassment allegations and a statement regarding the availability of whistleblower protections under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, the Whistleblower Act, and the Ill. Human Rights Act; and (4) the consequences: (a) of a violation of the prohibition on sexual harassment; and (b) for knowingly making a false report, and (5) a mechanism for reporting and independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by a fellow Board member or other elected official.

Section 2: Any prior versions of Board policies 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban, and 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited, adopted by the Board are superseded by this Resolution.

Adopted this 21st day of May, 2018.

Attested by: Board President

Attested by: Board Secretary

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#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (SOEEA), 5 ILCS 430/70-5, amended by P.A. 101-221, requiring boards to amend their sexual harassment policies by resolution to include a mechanism for reporting and independent review of sexual harassment allegations made against board members by elected officials. The resolution must be adopted by February 9, 2020. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### General Personnel

#### 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria

The District hires the most qualified personnel consistent with budget and staffing requirements and in compliance with School Board policy on equal employment opportunity and minority recruitment. The Superintendent is responsible for recruiting personnel and making hiring recommendations to the Board. If the Superintendent's recommendation is rejected, the Superintendent must submit another. The Superintendent may select personnel on a short-term basis for a specific project or emergency condition before the Board's approval. No individual will be employed who has been convicted of a criminal offense listed in No individual will be employed who has been convicted of a criminal offense listed in Section 105 ILCS 5/21B-80(c) of the School Code.

All applicants must complete a District application in order to be considered for employment.

#### Job Descriptions

The Board maintains the Superintendent's job description and directs, through policy, the Superintendent, in his or her charge of the District's administration.

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a current comprehensive job description for each position or job category; however, a provision in a collective bargaining agreement or individual contract will control in the event of a conflict.

#### Investigations

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a fingerprint-based criminal history records check and a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Violent Offender Against Youth Database is performed on each applicant as required by State law. When the applicant is a successful superintendent candidate who has been offered employment by the Board, the Board President shall ensure that these checks are completed. The Superintendent or designee, or if the applicant is a successful superintendent candidate, then the Board President shall notify an applicant if the applicant is identified in either database. The School Code requires the Board President to keep a conviction record confidential and share it only with the Superintendent, appropriate Intermediate Service Center, State Superintendent, State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, any other person necessary to the hiring decision, or for purposes of clarifying the information, the Ill. Dept. of State Police and/or Statewide Sex Offender Database. The Board reserves its right to authorize additional background inquiries beyond a fingerprint-based criminal history records check when it deems it appropriate to do so, in accordance with applicable laws.

Each newly hired employee must complete a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration and Naturalization Services Form as required by federal law.

The District retains the right to discharge any employee whose criminal background investigation reveals a conviction for committing or attempting to commit any of the offenses outlined in Section 105 ILCS 5/21B-80 of the School Code or who falsifies, or omits facts from, his or her employment application or other employment documents. If an indicated finding of abuse or neglect of a child has been issued by the Ill. Department of Children and Family Services or by a child welfare agency of another jurisdiction for any applicant for student teaching, applicant for employment, or any District employee, then the Board must consider that person's status as a condition of employment. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent shall ensure that the District does not engage in any investigation or inquiry prohibited by law and complies with each of the following:

1. The District uses an applicant's credit history or report from a consumer reporting agency only when a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position.
2. The District does not screen applicants based on their current or prior wages or salary histories, including benefits or other compensation, by requiring that the wage or salary history satisfy minimum or maximum criteria. [PRESSPlus2](#)
3. The District does not request or require a wage or salary history as a condition of being considered for employment, being interviewed, continuing to be considered for an offer of employment, an offer of employment, or an offer of compensation.
4. The District does not request or require an applicant to disclose wage or salary history as a condition of employment.
5. The District does not ask an applicant or applicant's current or previous employers about wage or salary history, including benefits or other compensation. [Q1](#)
6. The District does not ask an applicant or applicant's previous employers about claim(s) made or benefit(s) received under

the Workers' Compensation Act.

7. The District does not request of an applicant or employee access in any manner to his or her personal online account, such as social networking websites, including a request for passwords to such accounts.
8. The District provides equal employment opportunities to all persons. See policy 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*.

### Physical Examinations

Each new employee must furnish evidence of physical fitness to perform assigned duties and freedom from communicable disease. The physical fitness examination must be performed by a physician licensed in Illinois, or any other state, to practice medicine and surgery in any of its branches, ~~or an a licensed advanced practice registered nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations,~~ or a licensed physician assistant who has been delegated the authority by his or her supervising physician to perform health examinations. The employee must have the physical examination performed no more than 90 days before submitting evidence of it to the District.

Any employee may be required to have an additional examination by a physician who is licensed in Illinois to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches, ~~or an a licensed advanced practice registered nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations,~~ or a licensed physician assistant who has been delegated the authority by his or her supervising physician to perform health examinations, if the examination is job-related and consistent with business necessity. The Board will pay the expenses of any such examination.

### Orientation Program

The District's staff will provide an orientation program for new employees to acquaint them with the District's policies and procedures, the school's rules and regulations, and the responsibilities of their position. Before beginning employment, each employee must sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form as provided in policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*.

### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-16.7, 5/10-20.7, 5/10-21.4, 5/10-21.9, 5/21B-10, 5/21B-80, 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34b, 5/22-6.5, and 5/24-5.

20 ILCS 2630/3.3, Criminal Identification Act.

820 ILCS 55/, Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.

820 ILCS 70/, Employee Credit Privacy Act.

Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12112, and 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.

Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*

Immigration Reform and Control Act, 8 U.S.C. §1324a *et seq.*

Duldulao v. St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, 136 Ill. App. 3d 763 (1st Dist. 1985), *aff'd in part and remanded* 115 Ill.2d 482(III. 1987).

Kaiser v. Dixon, 127 Ill. App. 3d 251 (2nd Dist. 1984).

Molitor v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 325 Ill. App. 124 (1st Dist. 1945).

CROSS REF.:2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), , 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:125 (Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct), 5:220 (Substitute Teachers), 5:280 (Educational Support Personnel - Duties and Qualifications)

Adopted: March 11, 2019

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### Questions and Answers:

\*\*\*Required Question 1. A school board that wishes to preserve the exceptions in 820 ILCS 112/10(b-10)(1) and (2), added by P.A. 101-177, should consult its board attorney. **Note:** Attorneys caution that using the exceptions in 820 ILCS 112/10(b-10)(1) and (2), added by P.A. 101-177, may trigger litigation. Violating this subsection entitles an employee to recover in a civil action

any damages incurred, special damages up to \$10,000, injunctive relief, and costs and reasonable attorney's fees. 820 ILCS 112/30(a-5), added by P.A. 101-177.

Has the Board adopted the exceptions into this policy, adding to #5 the following: "unless the applicant's wage or salary history is a matter of public record, or is contained in a document completed by the applicant's current or former employer and then made available to the public by the employer, or then submitted or posted by the employer to comply with State or federal law; or the applicant is a current employee applying for a position with the same current employer."?

No. (default)

Yes. The Board has consulted its board attorney and has adopted the exceptions into the policy. Add to #5 the following: "unless the applicant's wage or salary history is a matter of public record, or is contained in a document completed by the applicant's current or former employer and then made available to the public by the employer, or then submitted or posted by the employer to comply with State or federal law; or the applicant is a current employee applying for a position with the same current employer."

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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated to incorporate changes made to 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(c) and (g), amended by P.A. 101-531. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Numbers 2-5 are updated to incorporate changes made to the Equal Pay Act of 2003, 820 ILCS 112/10, amended by P.A. 101-177. If an employer violates this subsection, the employee may recover in a civil action any damages incurred, special damages up to \$10,000, injunctive relief, and costs and reasonable attorney's fees. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### General Personnel

#### 5:50 Drug-and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition

*Title has been updated. Original Title: Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition*

All District workplaces are drug- and alcohol-free workplaces.<sup>PRESSPlus1</sup>

All employees are prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities while on District premises or while performing work or being *on call*<sup>Q1</sup> for the District:<sup>PRESSPlus2</sup>

1. Unlawful manufacture, dispensing, distribution, possession, or use of an illegal or controlled substance, or being *impaired by or* under the influence of any illegal substance or any detectible use of any illegal substance regardless of when or where the use occurred.
2. Distribution, consumption, use, possession, or being *impaired by or* under the influence of an alcoholic beverage; being present on District premises or while performing work for the District when alcohol consumption is detectible, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
3. *Distribution, consumption, possession, or use, or being impaired by or under the influence of medical cannabis; being present on District premises or while performing work for the District when impaired by or under the influence of cannabis, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred, unless distribution, possession, and/or use is by a school nurse or school administrator pursuant to Ashley's Law, 105 ILCS 5/22-33.*<sup>PRESSPlus3</sup> The District considers employees impaired by or under the influence of cannabis when there is a good faith belief that an employee manifests the specific articulable symptoms<sup>PRESSPlus4</sup> listed in the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA).<sup>PRESSPlus5</sup>

For purposes of this policy a controlled substance means a substance that is:

1. Not legally obtainable,
2. Being used in a manner different than prescribed,
3. Legally obtainable, but has not been legally obtained, or
4. Referenced in federal or State controlled substance acts.

For purposes of this policy, *District premises*<sup>PRESSPlus6</sup> means workplace as defined in the CRTA in addition to District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a School Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities. *School grounds* means the real property comprising any school, any conveyance used to transport students to school or a school-related activity, and any public way within 1,000 feet of any school ground, designated school bus stops where students are waiting for the school bus, and school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities. "Vehicles used for school purposes" means school buses or other school vehicles.

As a condition of employment, each employee shall:

1. Abide by the terms of the Board policy respecting a drug-and alcohol-free workplace; and
2. Notify his or her supervisor of his or her conviction under any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring on the District premises or while performing work for the District, no later than 5 calendar days after such a conviction.

Unless otherwise prohibited by this policy, prescription and over-the-counter medications are not prohibited when taken in standard dosages and/or according to prescriptions from the employee's licensed health care provider, provided that an employee's work performance is not impaired.

To make employees aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, the Superintendent or designee shall perform each of the following:

1. Provide each employee with a copy of this policy.
2. Post notice of this policy in a place where other information for employees is posted.
3. Make available materials from local, State, and national anti-drug and alcohol-abuse organizations.
4. Enlist the aid of community and State agencies with drug and alcohol informational and rehabilitation programs to provide information to District employees.
5. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

- a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,
  - b. Available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, re-entry, and any employee assistance programs, and
  - c. The penalties that the District may impose upon employees for violations of this policy.
6. Remind employees that policy 6:60, Curriculum Content, requires the District to educate students, depending upon their grade, about drug and substance abuse prevention and relationships between drugs, alcohol, and violence. [PRESSPlus7](#)

#### E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition

All employees are covered by the conduct prohibitions contained in policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*. The prohibition on the use of e-cigarettes, [PRESSPlus8](#) tobacco, and cannabis products applies both (1) when an employee is on school property, and (2) while an employee is performing work for the District at a school event regardless of the event's location.

Tobacco shall have the meaning provided in 105 ILCS 5/section 10-20.5b ~~of the School Code.~~

Cannabis shall have the meaning provided in the CRTA, 410 ILCS 705/1-10.

E-Cigarette is short for electronic cigarette and includes, but is not limited to, any electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS), electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, vape pen, or similar product or device, and any components or parts that can be used to build the product or device. [Q2](#)

#### District Action Upon Violation of Policy

An employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination. In addition or Aalternatively, the ~~School~~ Board may require an employee to successfully complete an appropriate drug- or alcohol-abuse rehabilitation program.

The Board shall take disciplinary action with respect to an employee convicted of a drug offense in the workplace within 30 days after receiving notice of the conviction.

Should District employees be engaged in the performance of work under a federal contract or grant, or under a State contract or grant of \$5,000 or more, the Superintendent shall notify the appropriate State or federal agency from which the District receives contract or grant monies of the employee's conviction within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction.

#### Disclaimer [PRESSPlus9](#)

The Board reserves the right to interpret, revise or discontinue any provision of this policy pursuant to the **Suspension of Policies** subhead in policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*.

#### LEGAL REF.:

Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12114.

~~Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program, 410 ILCS 130/.~~

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. §812; 21 C.F.R. §1308.11-1308.15.

Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. §8101 et seq.

Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §7101 et seq.

30 ILCS 580/. Drug-Free Workplace Act, ~~30 ILCS 580/.~~

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b.

410 ILCS 82/. Smoke Free Illinois Act.

410 ILCS 130/. Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

410 ILCS 705/1-1 et seq., Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

720 ILCS 675. Prevention of Tobacco Use by Persons under 21 Years of Age and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act.

820 ILCS 55/. Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.

21 C.F.R. Parts 1100, 1140, and 1143.

CROSS REF.:8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

ADOPTED:October 19, 2015

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### Questions and Answers:

\*\*\*Required Question 1. An employee is *on call* when the employer schedules him or her with at least 24 hours' notice to be on standby or otherwise responsible for performing employment-related tasks either at the employer's location or another previously-designated location. Consult the board attorney regarding how the board wants to treat employees who may be considered on call, e.g., superintendents, principals, coaches, and/or maintenance workers, etc.

Has the board adopted the phrase "or being on call" into this policy?

- Yes (default)
- No. (IASB will remove "or being on call")

\*\*\*Required Question 2. Optional. Including the statutory example that includes the term *vape pen* provides notice that vaping products are also prohibited through the term e-cigarette. Choose from the following options:

- Include the default sentence. (default)
  - Replace "includes, but is not limited to, any electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS), electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, vape pen, or similar product or device, and any components or parts that can be used to build the product or device" with "shall have the meaning provided in the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act, 720 ILCS 675/1(a-9)."
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### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. This policy is renamed. The new text in the title includes E-Cigarettes (**PRESS** Advisory Board feedback) and Cannabis (Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA), 410 ILCS 705/, added by P.A. 101-27 legalizing recreational cannabis use for persons over the age of 21).

Cannabis remains a *Schedule I*(c)(17) controlled substance under federal law, meaning that it has no currently accepted medical use in addition to a high potential for abuse. This policy continues to prohibit employees from using cannabis as allowed by the CRTA.

With the passage of the CRTA, each board and superintendent may wish to engage in a risk management conversation about the district's drug- and alcohol- free policy enforcement and discipline goals. Enforcement and discipline goals depend upon a board's risk-level tolerance and community expectations. For more information, see f/n 2 of sample policy 5:50, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com).

Consult the board attorney before implementing a drug testing program to enforce this policy.

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PRESSPlus 2. To align with best practices for identifying and subsequently initiating discipline of employees for violating this policy (especially with the passage of the CRTA) and any possible collective bargaining agreement provisions, the superintendent may want to convene the **Employee Substance Abuse Prevention Committee**. See sample administrative procedure 2:150-AP, *Superintendent Committees*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. 410 ILCS 130/25(b) prohibits discipline or arrest of school nurses and/or administrators for acting in accordance with *Ashley's Law*, 105 ILCS 5/22-33, amended by P.A. 101-370, eff. 1-1-20. Employers may enforce drug-free workplace policies when they are applied in a nondiscriminatory manner. 410 ILCS 705/10-50(a), added by P.A. 101-27, includes disciplining employees – even those who are a *registered qualifying patient* – for violating a drug-free workplace policies (410 ILCS 130/50 and 705/10-35(a)(1), added by P.A. 101-27). Contact the board attorney for advice concerning the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act (Medical Cannabis Program Act (MCPA)). **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 4. Specific articulable symptoms listed in 410 ILCS 705/10-50(d), added by P.A. 101-27, include: the employee's speech, physical dexterity, agility, coordination, demeanor, irrational or unusual behavior, or negligence or carelessness in operating equipment or machinery; disregard for the safety of the employee or others, or involvement in any accident that results in serious damage to equipment or property; disruption of a production or manufacturing process; or carelessness that results in any injury to the employee or others. In contrast to the CRTA, the MCPA, while listing the same specific, articulable, symptoms, does not require an employer to have a *good faith belief* that a *registered qualifying patient* is under the influence of cannabis. 410 ILCS 130/50(f), and scheduled to be repealed on 7-1-20. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 5. 410 ILCS 705/10-35 and 10-50(a), added by P.A. 101-27 allows reasonable, nondiscriminatory, zero-tolerance policies. If the district seeks to discipline an employee on the basis that he or she is under the influence of or impaired by cannabis, it must afford the employee a reasonable opportunity to contest the basis of the determination. **Contact the board attorney for advice concerning this provision and whenever the district seeks disciplinary action or dismissal of an employee on the basis of the cannabis prohibitions in the policy.** See f/n 9 of sample policy 5:50, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com), for more information about civil, criminal, and other penalties available under the CRTA. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 6. 410 ILCS 705/10-35 and 10-50(a), added by P.A. 101-27, allows employers to prohibit cannabis in the *workplace*. Many attorneys agree it is a best practice for employers to define workplace in policies that prohibit cannabis. 410 ILCS 705/10-50(h), added by P.A. 101-27, defines *workplace* as the employer's premises, including any building, real property, and parking area under the control of the employer or area used by an employee while in performance of the employee's job duties, and vehicles, whether leased, rented, or owned – and may be further defined by the employer's written policy when it is consistent with this definition.

This policy's definition of workplace expands the above CRTA definition to areas that board policy and/or the School Code impose duties upon districts to keep students safe, including:

1. The *school property* definition from policy 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*;
2. The *school grounds* definition at 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1A(d); and
3. Places that school districts must prevent and respond to bullying, including vehicles used for school purposes. 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7(a)

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PRESSPlus 7. Optional. This statement serves as a display of good judgement and a reminder to employees that 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2 and 23.4 (provided it can be funded by private grants or the federal government) require districts to educate students about the dangers of substance abuse. To remove this statement, strike it and choose "Adopted with Additional District Edits" as the Save Status. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 8. While 720 ILCS 675, amended by P.A. 101-2, excludes e-cigarettes from its definition of tobacco, it does not address vaporization. Prohibiting *e-cigarettes* aligns with the district's obligation to maintain a safe, smoke-free environment and is logical extension of 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, The Smoke Free Illinois Act (410 ILCS 82/), and The Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act, 720 ILCS 675, amended by P.A. 101-2 (raising the legal age to buy tobacco and e-cigarette products to 21 years of age). In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration now regulates e-cigarettes. For more information about e-cigarettes, see f/n 18 of sample policy 5:50, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 9. Optional best practice text. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### General Personnel

#### 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Any District employee who suspects or receives knowledge that a student may be an abused or neglected child or, for a student aged 18 through 21, an abused or neglected individual with a disability, shall: (1) immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on its Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) (within Illinois); 1-217-524-2606 (outside of Illinois); or 1-800-358-5117 (TTY), and (2) follow directions given by DCFS concerning filing a written report within 48 hours with the nearest DCFS field office. Any District employee who believes a student is in immediate danger of harm, shall first call 911. The employee shall also promptly notify the Superintendent or Building Principal that a report has been made.

The report shall include, if known:

1. The name and address of the child, parent/guardian names, or other persons having custody;
2. The child's age;
3. The child's condition, including any evidence of previous injuries or disabilities; and
4. Any other information that the reporter believes may be helpful to DCFS for its investigation.

The employee shall also promptly notify the Superintendent or Building Principal that a report has been made.

Negligent failure to report occurs when a District employee personally observes an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and reasonably believes, in his or her professional or official capacity, that the instance constitutes an act of child abuse or neglect under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) and he or she, without willful intent, fails to immediately report or cause a report to be made of the suspected abuse or neglect to DCFS. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Any District employee who discovers child pornography on electronic and information technology equipment shall immediately report it to local law enforcement, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or online at [report.cybertip.org/](http://report.cybertip.org/) or [www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org) [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com). The Superintendent or Building Principal shall also be promptly notified of the discovery and that a report has been made.

Any District employee who observes any act of hazing that does bodily harm to a student must report that act to the Building Principal, Superintendent, or designee who will investigate and take appropriate action. If the hazing results in death or great bodily harm, the employee must first make the report to law enforcement and then to the Superintendent or Building Principal. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed to or required of a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any group, organization, club, or athletic team whose members are or include other students.

#### Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), School Code, and Erin's Law Training

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities for District employees in the detection, reporting, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

All District employees shall:

1. Before beginning employment, sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form provided by DCFS. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the signed forms are retained.
2. Complete mandated reporter training as required by law within three months ~~one year~~ of initial employment and at least every three ~~five~~ years after that date. [PRESSPlus2](#)

The Superintendent will encourage all District educators to complete continuing professional development that addresses the traits and identifiers that may be evident in students who are victims of child sexual abuse, including recognizing and reporting child sexual abuse and providing appropriate follow-up and care for abused students as they return to the classroom setting. The Superintendent or designee will display DCFS-issued materials that list the DCFS toll-free telephone number and methods for making a report under ANCRA in a clearly visible location in each school building.

#### Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse: Investigations [PRESSPlus3](#)

An alleged incident of sexual abuse is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A, that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a

school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity. [PRESSPlus4](#)

If a District employee reports an alleged incident of sexual abuse to DCFS and DCFS accepts the report for investigation, DCFS will refer the matter to the local Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). The Superintendent or designee will implement procedures to coordinate with the CAC.

DCFS and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency will inform the District when its investigation is complete or has been suspended, as well as the outcome of its investigation. The existence of a DCFS and/or law enforcement investigation will not preclude the District from conducting its own parallel investigation into the alleged incident of sexual abuse in accordance with policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.

#### Special Superintendent Responsibilities

The Superintendent shall execute the requirements in Board policy 5:150, *Personnel Records*, whenever another school district requests a reference concerning an applicant who is or was a District employee and was the subject of a report made by a District employee to DCFS.

The Superintendent shall notify the State Superintendent and the Regional Superintendent in writing when he or she has reasonable cause to believe that a license holder was dismissed or resigned from the District as a result of an act that made a child an abused or neglected child. The Superintendent must make the report within 30 days of the dismissal or resignation and mail a copy of the notification to the license holder.

#### Special School Board Member Responsibilities

Each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in ~~the Act~~ [ANCRA](#), direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with ~~the Act~~ [ANCRA](#)'s requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.

If the Board determines that any District employee, other than an employee licensed under 105 ILCS 5/21B, has willfully or negligently failed to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by ANCRA, the Board may dismiss that employee immediately. [PRESSPlus5](#)

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-21.9.

20 ILCS 1305/1-1 et seq., Department of Human Services Act.

325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1, Criminal Code of 2012.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), [5:30 \(Hiring Process and Criteria\)](#), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:150 (Personnel Records), [5:200 \(Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal\)](#), [5:290 \(Employment Terminations and Suspensions\)](#), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews)

Adopted: August 20, 2018

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-23.12(c) (all district employees), added by P.A. 101-531; 105 ILCS 5/21B-75(b) (teachers), amended by P.A. 101-531. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), 325 ILCS 5/4(j), amended by P.A. 101-564, eff. 1-1-20. The initial ANCRA three-month training requirement applies to the first time staff engage in their professional or official capacity. While the law allows an extension to six months, it is unclear when such an extension is permissible. Consult the board attorney for guidance. As a best practice, to ensure compliance with the requirement in 105 ILCS 5/22-85(c) (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, that mandated reporters annually review ISBE materials regarding notification of DCFS, and to ease the administrative burden to track employee training schedules, a district may consider requiring annual training for all employees. See f/n 10 of sample policy 5:90, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com) for more information. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, requires that every two years, each district within an Illinois county served by an accredited Children's Advocacy Center review all its existing sexual abuse investigation policies and procedures to ensure consistency with 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531.

105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, governs the investigation of an *alleged incident of sexual abuse* of any child within any Illinois counties served by a CAC. For a map of accredited CACs, and to identify a CAC that may serve your district, see [www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org/about/map](http://www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org/about/map).

If your school district is not within a county served by an accredited CAC, strike this subsection and select "Adopted with Additional District Edits" as the Save Status. The law is silent about investigations in counties without CACs. **Issue 102, October 2019 Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 4. Though 105 ILCS 5/22-85(b) (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, defines *alleged incident of sexual abuse*, its definition is circular, using the term *sexual abuse* without defining what that means. To provide boards with clarity, the definition of *sexual abuse* used in the Ill. Criminal Code of 2012 is used. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 5. 105 ILCS 5/10-23.12(c), added by P.A. 101-531. See policy 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification*. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### General Personnel

#### 5:100 Staff Development Program

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a staff development program. The goal of such program shall be to update and improve the skills and knowledge of staff members in order to achieve and maintain a high level of job performance and satisfaction. Additionally, the development program for licensed staff members shall be designed to effectuate the District and School Improvement Plans so that student learning objectives meet or exceed goals established by the District and State.

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, at least once every two years, the in-service training of licensed school personnel and administrators on current best practices regarding the identification and treatment of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the application of non-aversive behavioral interventions in the school environment, and the use of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication for school-age children.

The staff development program shall provide, at a minimum, once every two years, the in-service training of all District staff on educator ethics, teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct.

In addition, the staff development program shall include each of the following:

1. At least, once every two years, training of all District staff by a person with expertise on anaphylactic reactions and management.
2. At least every two years, an in-service to train school personnel, at a minimum, to understand, provide information and referrals, and address issues pertaining to youth who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence.
3. Training that, at a minimum, provides District staff with a basic knowledge of matters relating to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and the availability of appropriate sources of counseling and referral.
4. Training for licensed school personnel and administrators who work with students in grades kindergarten through 12 to identify the warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth along with appropriate intervention and referral techniques.
5. Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), School Code, and *Erin's Law* Training as follows:
  - a. Staff development for local school site personnel who work with students in grades kindergarten through 8, in the detection, reporting and prevention of child abuse and neglect (see policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*).
  - b. Within ~~one year~~ three months of employment, each staff member must complete mandated reporter training from a provider or agency with expertise in recognizing and reporting child abuse. Mandated reporter training must be completed again at least every ~~five~~ three years (see policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*). [PRESS Plus 1](#)
  - c. Informing educators about the recommendation in the *Erin's Law* Taskforce Report requesting them to attend continuing professional development programs that address the prevention and identification of child sexual abuse (see policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*).
6. Education for staff instructing students in grades 7 through 12, concerning teen dating violence as recommended by the District's Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students or Complaint Manager.
7. Ongoing professional development for teachers, administrators, school resource officers, and staff regarding the adverse consequences of school exclusion and justice-system involvement, effective classroom management strategies, culturally responsive discipline, the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement, and developmentally appropriate disciplinary methods that promote positive and healthy school climates.
8. Annual continuing education and/or training opportunities (*professional standards*) for school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff. Each school food authority's director shall document compliance with this requirement by the end of each school year and maintain documentation for a three year period.
9. All high school coaching personnel, including the head and assistant coaches, and athletic directors must obtain online concussion certification by completing online concussion awareness training in accordance with 105 ILCS 25/1.15. Coaching personnel and athletic directors hired on or after 8-19-2014 must be certified before their position's start date.
10. The following individuals must complete concussion training as specified in the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act: coaches and assistant coaches (whether volunteer or employee) of an interscholastic athletic activity; nurses, licensed

and/or non-licensed healthcare professionals serving on the Concussion Oversight Team; athletic trainers; game officials of an interscholastic athletic activity; and physicians serving on the Concussion Oversight Team.

11. Every two years, school personnel who work with students must complete an in-person or online training program on the management of asthma, the prevention of asthma symptoms, and emergency response in the school setting.
12. Training for school personnel to develop cultural competency, including understanding and reducing implicit racial bias.
13. For school personnel who work with hazardous or toxic materials on a regular basis, training on the safe handling and use of such materials.
14. For nurses, administrators, guidance counselors, teachers, persons employed by a local health department and assigned to a school, and persons who contract with the District to perform services in connection with a student's seizure action plan, training in the basics of seizure recognition, first aid, and appropriate emergency protocols. [PRESSPlus2](#)
15. For all District staff, annual sexual harassment prevention training. [PRESSPlus3](#)

The Superintendent shall develop protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to staff consistent with Board policy 7:290, *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*.

An opportunity shall be provided for all staff members to acquire, develop, and maintain the knowledge and skills necessary to properly administer life-saving techniques and first aid, including the Heimlich maneuver, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an automated external defibrillator, in accordance with a nationally recognized certifying organization. Physical fitness facilities' staff must be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

#### LEGAL REF.:

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, 42 U.S.C. §1758b, Pub. L. 111-296.

7 C.F.R. Parts 210 and 235.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.62, 5/10-20.17a, 5/10-20.61, 5/10-22.6(c-5), 5/10-22.39, 5/10-23.12, 5/22-80(h), and 5/24-5.

105 ILCS 25/1.15, Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act.

105 ILCS 150/25, Seizure Smart School Act.

105 ILCS 110/3, Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.

325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

745 ILCS 49/, Good Samaritan Act.

775 ILCS 5/2-109, III. Human Rights Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 22.20, 226.800, and Part 525.

77 Ill.Admin.Code §527.800.

CROSS REF.: 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:160 (Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:160 (English Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:285 (Food Allergy Management Program), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention), 7:305 (Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries)

Adopted: March 11, 2019

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#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), 325 ILCS 5/4(j), amended by P.A. 101-564, eff. 1-1-20. The initial ANCRA three-month training requirement applies to the first time staff engage in their professional or official capacity. While the law allows an extension to six months, it is unclear when such an extension is permissible. Consult the board attorney for guidance. As a best practice, to ensure compliance with the requirement in 105 ILCS 5/22-85(c) (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, that mandated reporters annually review ISBE materials regarding notification of DCFS, and to ease the administrative burden to track employee training schedules, a district may consider requiring annual training for all employees. See also policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. **Issue 102, October**

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PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 150/25, added by P.A. 101-50, eff. 7-1-20. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. Updated in response to 775 ILCS 5/2-109, added by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### General Personnel

#### 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

##### Professional and Appropriate Conduct

All District employees are expected to maintain high standards in their school relationships, to demonstrate integrity and honesty, to be considerate and cooperative, and to maintain professional and appropriate relationships with students, parents, staff members, and others. In addition, the *Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators*, adopted by the Illinois State Board of Education, is incorporated by reference into this policy. Any employee who sexually harasses a student, willfully or negligently fails to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/), [PRESSPlus1](#) or otherwise violates an employee conduct standard will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

##### Statement of Economic Interests

The following employees must file a "Statement of Economic Interests" as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act:

1. Superintendent;
2. Building Principal;
3. Head of any department;
4. Any employee who, as the District's agent, is responsible for negotiating one or more contracts, including collective bargaining agreement(s), in the amount of \$1,000 or greater;
5. Hearing officer;
6. Any employee having supervisory authority for 20 or more employees; and
7. Any employee in a position that requires an administrative or a chief school business official endorsement.

##### Ethics and Gift Ban

School Board policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*, applies to all District employees. Students shall not be used in any manner for promoting a political candidate or issue.

##### Prohibited Interests; Conflict of Interest; and Limitation of Authority

In accordance with Section 22-5 of the School Code, "no school officer or teacher shall be interested in the sale, proceeds, or profits of any book, apparatus, or furniture used or to be used in any school with which such officer or teacher may be connected," except when the employee is the author or developer of instructional materials listed with the Illinois State Board of Education and adopted for use by the Board. An employee having an interest in instructional materials must file an annual statement with the Board Secretary.

For the purpose of acquiring profit or personal gain, no employee shall act as an agent of the District nor shall an employee act as an agent of any business in any transaction with the District. This includes participation in the selection, award or administration of a contract supported by a federal award or State award governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/) when the employee has a real or apparent conflict of interest. [PRESSPlus2](#) A conflict of interest arises when an employee or any of the following individuals has a financial or other interest in the entity selected for the contract:

1. Any person that has a close personal relationship with an employee that may compromise or impair the employee's fairness and impartiality, including a member of the employee's immediate family or household;
2. An employee's business partner; or
3. An entity that employs or is about to employ the employee or one of the individuals listed in one or two above, as defined by 2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1).

Employees shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to agreements or contracts. Situations in which the interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value must comply with State law and Board policy 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*.

##### Outside Employment

Employees shall not engage in any other employment or in any private business during regular working hours or at such other times as are necessary to fulfill appropriate assigned duties.

Incorporated

by reference:5:120-E (Exhibit - Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators)

LEGAL REF.:

U.S. Constitution, First Amendment.

2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1).

5 ILCS 420/4A-101, Ill. Governmental Ethics Act and 430/.

5 ILCS 430/, State Officials and Employee Ethics Act.

30 ILCS 708/, Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

50 ILCS 135/, Local Governmental Employees Political Rights Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-22.39 and 5/22-5.

325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

775 ILCS 5/5A-102, Ill. Human Rights Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 22, Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators.

Pickering v. Board of Township H.S. Dist. 205, 391 U.S. 563 (1968).

Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006).

CROSS REF.:2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:125 (Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. 325 ILCS 5/4(a)(4), amended by P.A. 101-564, eff. 1-1-20; 105 ILCS 5/10-23.12(c) (all district employees), added by P.A. 101-531; 105 ILCS 5/21B-75(b) (teachers), amended by P.A. 101-531. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. 2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1) prohibits employees, officers, or agents of a school district from participating in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if they have a real or apparent *conflict of interest*. The uniform federal rules on procurement standards in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 also apply to eligible State grants through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)(30 ILCS 708/.) Authoritative sources and guidance regarding conflict of interest and financial disclosure are provided through the GATA Resource Library at [www.grants.illinois.gov](http://www.grants.illinois.gov). See also the Ill. State Board of Education's *Procurement and Purchasing Checklist* (ISBE Checklist) at: [www.isbe.net/Pages/Audit-and-Monitoring-Review-Requirements-and-Tools.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Audit-and-Monitoring-Review-Requirements-and-Tools.aspx). **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### Professional Personnel

#### 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

The School Board delegates authority and responsibility to the Superintendent to manage the terms and conditions for the employment of professional personnel. The Superintendent shall act reasonably and comply with State and federal law as well as any applicable collective bargaining agreement in effect. The Superintendent is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the Board consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff.

Duty-Free Lunch, School Year and Day, Salary, Assignments and Transfers, Dismissal, Evaluation

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

School Social Worker Services Outside of District Employment

School social workers may not provide services outside of their District employment to any student(s) attending school in the District. School social worker has the meaning stated in 105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a.

Nursing Mothers

The District accommodates employees who are nursing mothers according to provisions in State and federal law.

LEGAL REF.: [PRESSPlus1](#)

105 ILCS 5/10-19, [5/10-19.05](#), 5/10-20.650 (P.A. 100-356, final citation pending), 5/14-1.09a, ~~5/18-8~~, 5/22.4, 5/24-16.5, 5/24-2, 5/24-8, 5/24-9, 5/24-11, 5/24-12, 5/24-21, 5/24A-1 through 24A-20.

820 ILCS 260/1 et seq.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 50 (Evaluation of ~~Certified Employees~~ [Educator Licensed Employees](#)) and 51 (Dismissal of Tenured Teachers).

Cleveland Bd. of Educ. v. Loudermill, 470 U.S. 532(1985).

CROSS REF.:5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References have been updated. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## *Document Status: Draft Update*

### Professional Personnel

#### **5:220 Substitute Teachers**

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

##### Short-Term Substitute Teachers

A short-term substitute teacher must hold a valid short-term substitute teaching license and have completed the District's short-term substitute teacher training program. Short-term substitutes may teach no more than five consecutive school days for each licensed teacher who is under contract with the Board.

##### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.687 (P.A. 100-596, final citation pending), [PRESSPlus1](#) 5/21B-20(2), 5/21B-20(3), and 5/21B-20(4).

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.790 (Substitute Teacher) and §25.520 (Substitute Teaching License).

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##### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References have been updated. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### Professional Personnel

#### 5:250 Leaves of Absence

Sick and Bereavement Leave, Personal Leave, Leave of Absence Without Pay, Parental Leave, Leave for Service in the Military

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

Each of the provisions in this policy applies to all professional personnel to the extent that it does not conflict with an applicable collective bargaining agreement or individual contract; in the event of a conflict, such provision is severable and the applicable bargaining agreement or individual agreement will control.

#### Child Bereavement Leave

State law allows a maximum of 10 unpaid work days for eligible employees (Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 20 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.) to take child bereavement leave. The purpose, requirements, scheduling, and all other terms of the leave are governed by the Child Bereavement Leave Act. Child bereavement leave allows for: (1) attendance by the bereaved staff member at the funeral or alternative to a funeral of his or her child, (2) making arrangements necessitated by the death of the staff member's child, or (3) grieving the death of the staff member's child, without any adverse employment action.

The leave must be completed within 60 days after the date on which the employee received notice of the death of his or her child. However, in the event of the death of more than one child in a 12-month period, an employee is entitled to up to a total of six weeks of bereavement leave during the 12-month period, subject to certain restrictions under State and federal law. Other existing forms of leave may be substituted for the leave provided in the Child Bereavement Leave Act. This policy does not create any right for an employee to take child bereavement leave that is inconsistent with the Child Bereavement Leave Act.

#### General Assembly

Leaves for service in the General Assembly, as well as re-employment rights, will be granted in accordance with State and federal law. A professional staff member hired to replace one in the General Assembly does not acquire tenure.

#### School Visitation Leave

An eligible professional staff member is entitled to eight hours during any school year, no more than four hours of which may be taken on any given day, to attend school conferences, behavioral meetings, or classroom activities academic meetings PRESSPlus1 related to the teacher's child, if the conference or meeting activity cannot be scheduled during non-work hours. Professional staff members must first use all accrued vacation leave, personal leave, compensatory leave, and any other leave that may be granted to the professional staff member, except sick, and disability leave.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures implementing this policy consistent with the School Visitation Rights Act.

#### Leaves for Victims of Domestic Violence, ~~or Sexual Violence,~~ or Gender Violence PRESSPlus2

An unpaid leave from work is available to any staff member who: (1) is a victim of domestic violence, ~~or sexual violence,~~ or gender violence, or (2) has a family or household member who is a victim of ~~domestic or sexual~~ such violence whose interests are not adverse to the employee as it relates to the domestic violence, ~~or sexual violence,~~ or gender violence. The unpaid leave allows the employee to seek medical help, legal assistance, counseling, safety planning, and other assistance without suffering adverse employment action.

The Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act governs the purpose, requirements, scheduling, and continuity of benefits, and all other terms of the leave. Accordingly, if the District employs at least 50 employees, an employee is entitled to a total of 12 work weeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period. Neither the law nor this policy creates a right for an employee to take unpaid leave that exceeds the unpaid leave time allowed under, or is in addition to the unpaid leave time permitted by, the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq.).

#### Leaves to Serve as an Officer or Trustee of a Specific Organization

Upon request, the Board will grant: (1) an unpaid leave of absence to a teacher who is elected to serve as an officer of a State or national teacher organization that represents teachers in collective bargaining negotiations, (2) twenty days of paid leave of absence per year to a trustee of the Teachers' Retirement System to attend meetings and seminars as described in 105 ILCS

5/24-6.3, and (3) a paid leave of absence for the local association president of a State teacher association that is an exclusive bargaining agent in the District, or his or her designee, to attend meetings, workshops, or seminars as described in 105 ILCS 5/24-6.2.

#### Leave to Serve as an Election Judge

Any staff member who was appointed to serve as an election judge under State law may, after giving at least 20-days' written notice to the District, be absent without pay for the purpose of serving as an election judge. The staff member is not required to use any form of paid leave to serve as an election judge. No more than 10% of the District's employees may be absent to serve as election judges on the same Election Day.

LEGAL REF.:

10 ILCS 5/13-2.5

~~20 ILCS 1805/30.1 et seq.~~

105 ILCS 5/24-6, 5/24-6.1, 5/24-6.2, 5/24-6.3, 5/24-13, and 5/24-13.1.

330 ILCS 61/, Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

820 ILCS 147/, School Visitation Rights Act.

820 ILCS 154/, Child Bereavement Leave Act.

820 ILCS 180/, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

CROSS REF.:5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 820 ILCS 147/15, amended by P.A. 101-486, eff. 8-1-20. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Required by the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, (VESSA) (820 ILCS 180/, amended by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20, and 56 Ill.Admin.Code §280). *Gender violence* means: (1) one or more acts of violence or aggression that is a criminal offense under State law committed, at least in part, on the basis of a person's actual or perceived sex or gender, (2) a physical intrusion or invasion of a sexual nature under coercive conditions that is a criminal offense under State law, or (3) a threat to commit one of these acts. *Sexual violence* is not specifically defined in VESSA. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### Educational Support Personnel

#### 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions

##### Retirement

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

**For employees not covered by a current applicable bargaining agreement:**

An employee is requested to provide two weeks' notice of a resignation. A resignation notice cannot be revoked once given. An employee planning to retire should notify his or her supervisor at least two months before the retirement date.

##### Non-RIF Dismissal

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

**For employees not covered by a current applicable bargaining agreement:**

The District may terminate an at-will employee at any time for any reason, subject to State and federal law.

Employees who are employed annually or have a contract, or who otherwise have a legitimate expectation of continued employment, may be dismissed: (1) at the end of the school year or at the end of their respective contract after being provided appropriate notice and after compliance with any applicable contractual provisions, or (2) mid-year or mid-contract provided appropriate due process procedures are provided.

The Superintendent is responsible for making dismissal recommendations to the School Board consistent with the Board's goal of having a highly qualified, high performing staff. This includes recommending a non-licensed employee for immediate dismissal for willful or negligent failure to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by 325 ILCS 5/. PRESSPlus1

##### Reduction in Force and Recall

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

**For employees not covered by a current applicable bargaining agreement:**

The Board may, as necessary or prudent, decide to decrease the number of educational support personnel or to discontinue some particular type of educational support service and, as a result of that action, dismiss or reduce the hours of one or more educational support employees. When making decisions concerning reduction in force and recall, the Board will follow Sections 10-22.34c (outsourcing non-instructional services) and 10-23.5 (procedures) of the School Code, to the extent they are applicable and not superseded by legislation or an applicable collective bargaining agreement.

##### Final Paycheck

A terminating employee's final paycheck will be adjusted for any unused, earned vacation credit. Employees are paid for all earned vacation. Terminating employees will receive their final pay on the next regular payday following the date of termination, except that an employee dismissed due to a reduction in force shall receive his or her final paycheck on or before the next regular pay date following the last day of employment.

##### Suspension

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

**For employees not covered by a current applicable bargaining agreement:**

Except as provided below, the Superintendent is authorized to suspend an employee without pay as a disciplinary measure, during an investigation into allegations of misconduct or pending a dismissal hearing whenever, in the Superintendent's judgment, the employee's presence is detrimental to the District. A disciplinary suspension shall be with pay: (1) when the employee is exempt from the overtime provisions, or (2) until an employee with an employment contract for a definite term is provided a notice and hearing according to the suspension policy for professional employees. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Ill. Dept. Children and Family Services (DCFS) that the District remove an employee from his or her

position when he or she is the subject of a pending DCFS investigation that relates to his or her employment with the District, the Board or Superintendent or designee, in consultation with the Board Attorney, will determine whether to:

1. Let the employee remain in his or her position pending the outcome of the investigation; or
2. Remove the employee as recommended, proceeding with:
  - a. A suspension with pay; or
  - b. A suspension without pay.

Any criminal conviction resulting from the investigation or allegations shall require the employee to repay to the District all compensation and the value of all benefits received by the employee during the suspension. The Superintendent will notify the employee of this requirement when the employee is suspended.

LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 430 et seq.

105 ILCS 5/10-22.34c and 5/10-23.5.

325 ILCS 5/7.4(c-10).

820 ILCS 105/4a.

CROSS REF.: 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:240 (Suspension), 5:270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment)

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**PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-23.12(c), added by P.A. 101-531; and 105 ILCS 5/21B-75(b), amended by P.A. 101-531. See also policy 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification*. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### Educational Support Personnel

#### 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

Each of the provisions in this policy applies to all educational support personnel to the extent that it does not conflict with an applicable collective bargaining agreement or individual contract; in the event of a conflict, such provision is severable and the applicable bargaining agreement or individual agreement will control.

Sick and Bereavement Leave, Personal Leave, Military Leave, Unpaid Leave of Absence, Parental Leave, Holidays, Vacations

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

Leave to Serve as a Trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Upon request, the Board will grant 20 days of paid leave of absence per year to a trustee of the Ill. Municipal Retirement Fund in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-6.3.

Other Leaves

Educational support personnel receive the following leaves on the same terms and conditions granted professional personnel in Board policy 5:250, *Leaves of Absence*:

1. School Visitation Leave
2. Leaves for Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence, Sexual Violence, or Gender Violence. [PRESSPlus1](#)
3. Child Bereavement Leave
4. Leave to serve as an election judge.

LEGAL REF.:

20 ILCS 1805/30.1 et seq.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.7b, 5/24-2, and 5/24-6.

330 ILCS 61/, Service Member Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

820 ILCS 147, School Visitation Rights Act.

820 ILCS 154/, Child Bereavement Leave Act.

820 ILCS 180/, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

School Dist. 151 v. ISBE, 154 Ill.App.3d 375 (1st Dist. 1987); Elder v. Sch. Dist. No.127 1/2, 60 Ill.App.2d 56 (1st Dist. 1965).

CROSS REF.:5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:185 (Family and Medical Leave), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Required by the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, (VESSA) (820 ILCS 180/, amended by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20, and 56 Ill.Admin.Code §280). *Gender violence* means: (1) one or more acts of violence or aggression that is a criminal offense under State law committed, at least in part, on the basis of a person's actual or perceived sex or gender, (2) a physical intrusion or invasion of a sexual nature under coercive conditions that is a criminal offense under State law, or (3) a threat to commit one of these acts. *Sexual violence* is not specifically defined in VESSA. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### INSTRUCTION

#### 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day

##### School Calendar

The School Board, upon the Superintendent's recommendation and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

##### Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in the School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

##### School Day

The Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

##### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, [PRESSPlus1](#) 5/10-24.46, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, 5/24-2, 5/27-3, 5/27-18, 5/27-19, 5/27-20, 5/27-20.1, 5/27-20.2, and 20/1.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).

Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd* by 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.:2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves); 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated to include 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05, added by P.A. 101-12, which (1) addresses the minimum of five clock hours to qualify as a full day of attendance, and (2) opens the use of e-learning days subject to certain requirements. See f/n 3 of sample policy 6:20, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com), for more information. See [www.isbe.net/Documents/SB28Instructional-Day.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/Documents/SB28Instructional-Day.pdf) for ISBE's notice regarding this law. **Issue 102, October 2019**

## Document Status: Draft Update

### INSTRUCTION

#### 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Illinois State Board of Education rules governing (1) the continuum of placement options for students who have been identified for special education services or (2) the home and hospital instruction provisions for students who have not been identified for special education services. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a written statement from: (1) a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, (2) a licensed physician assistant, or (3) a licensed advanced practice registered nurse's written statement. **PRESSPlus1** Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction (1) before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, and (2) for up to three months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate course work and facilitate a student's return to school.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-19.05(e), 5/10-22.6a, 5/14-13.01, and 5/18-4.5.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.520, 1.610, and 226.300.

CROSS REF.: 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunity), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

Adopted: August 20, 2018

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#### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/14-13.01(a-5), amended by P.A.s 100-443 and 100-863. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### INSTRUCTION

#### 6:300 Graduation Requirements

Unless otherwise exempted, each student must successfully accomplish the following in order to graduate from high school:

1. Complete all District graduation requirements that are in addition to the State requirements.
2. Completing all courses as provided in the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/27-22.
3. Complete all minimum requirements for graduation as specified by Illinois State Board of Education rule, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.
4. Pass an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Participating in State assessments that are required for graduation by the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(c).
6. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, filing one of the following: (1) a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Dept. of Education, (2) an application for State financial aid, or (3) an Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) waiver form indicating that the student understands what these aid opportunities are and has chosen not to file an application. If the student is not at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student's parent/guardian must file one of these documents on the student's behalf.

A student is exempt from this requirement if: (1) the student is unable to file a financial aid application or an ISBE waiver due to extenuating circumstances, (2) the Building Principal attests the District made a good faith effort to assist the student or the student's parent/guardian with filing a financial aid application or an ISBE waiver form, and (3) the student has met all other graduation requirements. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for:

1. Maintaining a description of all course offerings that comply with the above graduation requirements,
2. Notifying students and their parents/guardians of graduation requirements,
3. Developing the criteria for determining when a student accomplishes number 4,
4. Complying with State law requirements for students who transfer during their senior year because their parent(s)/guardian(s) are on active military duty, this includes making reasonable adjustments to ensure graduation if possible, or efforts to ensure that the original (transferor) school district issues the student a diploma, and
5. Taking all other actions needed or necessary to implement this policy.

#### Early Graduation

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures for students to graduate early, provided they finish seven semesters of high school and meet all graduation requirements.

#### Certificate of Completion

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's four years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed four years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class. The Superintendent or designee shall provide timely written notice of this requirement to children with disabilities and their parents/guardians.

Veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict [Service Member Diploma](#) [PRESSPlus2](#)

Upon application, The District will award a diploma to a service member who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the U.S. Armed Forces or an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be awarded a diploma, provided that he or she (1) resided within an area currently within the District at the time he or she left high school, (2) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, and (3) has not received a high school diploma.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/22-27, 5/27-3, 5/27-22, and 5/27-22.10.

105 ILCS 70/, Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.440.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students), 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

Adopted: August 20, 2018

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### **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-180, eff. 6-1-20. See 6:300-E3, *Form for Exemption from Financial Aid Application Completion*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Optional. 105 ILCS 5/22-27, amended by P.A. 101-131. See 6:300-E1, *Application for a Diploma for a Service Member Killed in Action or for Veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). **Issue 102, October 2019**

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## STUDENTS

### 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

#### Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Prohibited

No person, including a District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived: race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status of being homeless; actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, sexual, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

#### Sexual Harassment Prohibited

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Any person, including a district employee or agent, or student, engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and/or engages in other verbal or physical conduct, including sexual violence, of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that:

1. Denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or
2. Has the purpose or effect of:
  - a. Substantially interfering with a student's educational environment;
  - b. Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
  - c. Depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or
  - d. Making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussions of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities. The term *sexual violence* includes a number of different acts. Examples of sexual violence include, but are not limited to, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual abuse, and sexual coercion.

#### Making a Complaint: Enforcement [PRESSPlus1](#)

Students are encouraged to report claims or incidences of bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, or any other prohibited conduct to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. A student may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. ~~Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.~~

An allegation that a student was a victim of any prohibited conduct perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, shall be processed and reviewed according to policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*, in addition to any response required by this policy. ~~another student shall be referred to the Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or Dean of Students for appropriate action.~~ [PRESSPlus2](#)

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Managers. At least one of these individuals will be female, and at least one will be male.

#### **Nondiscrimination Coordinator:**

Dr. Lindsey Hall, Superintendent

1301 S. Bulldog Dr.. Mahomet. IL 61853

lhall@mscusd.org

217-586-2161

### Complaint Managers:

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217-586-4415

The Superintendent shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students of this policy, ~~such as,~~ by including it ~~in the appropriate handbooks.~~ [PRESSPlus3](#)

1. For students, age-appropriate information about the contents of this policy in the District's student handbook(s), on the District's website, and, if applicable, in any other areas where policies, rules, and standards of conduct are otherwise posted in each school.
2. For staff members, this policy in the appropriate employee handbook(s), if applicable, and/or in any other areas where policies, rules, and standards of conduct are otherwise made available to staff.

### Investigation Process

Supervisors, Building Principals, or administrators who receive a report or complaint of harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager. A supervisor or administrator who fails to promptly comply may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

The District shall investigate alleged harassment of students when the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager becomes aware of an allegation, regardless of whether a written report or complaint is filed.

### Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse [PRESSPlus4](#)

An alleged incident of sexual abuse is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A(b), that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

Any complaint alleging an incident of sexual abuse shall be processed and reviewed according to policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

### Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with the behavior policy. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge, with regard to employees, or suspension and expulsion, with regard to students.

### LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

34 C.F.R. Part 106.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.12, 10-22.5, 5/27-1, and 5/27-23.7.

775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240 and Part 200.

Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999).

Franklin v. Gwinnett Co. Public Schs., 503 U.S. 60 (1992).

Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent Sch. Dist., 524 U.S. 274 (1998).

West v. Derby Unified Sch. Dist. No. 260, 206 F.3d 1358 (10th Cir. 2000).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), **5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting)**, 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities)

Adopted: August 20, 2018

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. The Enforcement subsection title is moved to be with its content, below. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated to align with policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5.10-20.69 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-418, eff. 1-1-20. requires districts to maintain and implement an *age-appropriate* policy on sexual harassment that is included in the school district's student handbook, as well as on a district's website and, if applicable, other areas where such information is posted in each school. The law does not expressly state that the age-appropriate policy is for students; however, that is the most logical interpretation. In practice, most districts maintain a student handbook for each building. Because the law only requires one policy, this policy manages the age-appropriate requirement by directing age-appropriate explanations of the policy be included in the building-level student handbook(s). **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 4. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, requires that every two years, each district within an Illinois county served by an accredited Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) review all its existing sexual abuse investigation policies and procedures to ensure consistency with 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531.

105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, governs the investigation of an *alleged incident of sexual abuse* of any child within any Illinois counties served by a CAC. For a map of accredited CACs, and to identify a CAC that may serve your district, see [www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org/about/map](http://www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org/about/map).

If your school district is not within a county served by an accredited CAC, strike this subsection and select "Adopted with Additional District Edits" as the Save Status. The law is silent about investigations in counties not served by CACs. **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### STUDENTS

#### 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage requests by agency officials or police officers to interview students at school. Procedures will: ~~(1)~~ [PRESSPlus1](#)

1. ~~r~~ Recognize individual student rights and privacy,
2. Recognize the potential impact an interview may have on an individual student. ~~(2)~~
3. ~~m~~ Minimize potential disruption. ~~(3)~~
4. ~~f~~ Foster a cooperative relationship with public agencies and law enforcement, and ~~(4)~~
5. ~~e~~ Comply with State law, including, but not limited to, ensuring that before a law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security person detains and questions on school grounds a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act, the Superintendent or designee will: [PRESSPlus2](#)
  - a. Notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian and document the time and manner in writing;
  - b. Make reasonable efforts to ensure the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if they are not present, ensure that school employees (including, but not limited to, a school social worker, psychologist, nurse, guidance counselor, or any other mental health professional) are present during the questioning; and
  - c. If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure a trained law enforcement officer to promote safe interactions and communications with the student is present during questioning. [PRESSPlus3](#)

#### LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.64, 5/22-85 \(final citation pending\)](#)

55 ILCS 80/1 et seq., Children's Advocacy Center Act.

325 ILCS 5/1 et seq., Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

720 ILCS 5/31-1 et seq., Interference with Public Officers Act.

725 ILCS 120/1 et seq., Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

CROSS REF.: [5:90 \(Abused and Neglected Child Reporting\)](#), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

~~ADOPTED: June 27, 2016~~

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#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-478, eff. 1-1-20.

Additional resources include:

- The *Guidelines for Interviews of Students*, published by the Ill. Council of School Attorneys (ICSA) at: [www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf](http://www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf).
- The publication, *Policing in Schools, Developing a Governance Document for School Resource Officers in K-12 Schools*, was developed by the American Civil Liberties Union, and is available at: [www.aclu.org/racial-justice/policing-schools-developing-governance-document-school-resource-officers-k-12-schools](http://www.aclu.org/racial-justice/policing-schools-developing-governance-document-school-resource-officers-k-12-schools).
- *School Resource Officers, School Law Enforcement Units, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, published by PTAC (2019), at: [www.studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/school-resource-officers-school-law-enforcement-units-and-ferpa](http://www.studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/school-resource-officers-school-law-enforcement-units-and-ferpa).

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PRESSPlus 2. The statute does not specifically assign these duties to a school official, but instead states that "a law 7:150

enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security personnel” must ensure these conditions are met before detaining and questioning a student on school grounds. For ease of implementation, this policy assigns these duties to a school official as they routinely contact parents/guardians and can arrange for the presence of school personnel during an interview. See the ICSA *Guidelines* at [www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf](http://www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf) for further discussion of school officials’ responsibilities when law enforcement authorities interview students at school. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. A trained law enforcement officer is someone who: (1) received training in youth investigations approved or is certified by his/her law enforcement agency as a school resource officer per 50 ILCS 705/10.22, or (2) is a juvenile police officer per 705 ILCS 405/1-3(17). **Issue 102, October 2019**

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### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

#### 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

The following definitions apply to this policy:

**School property** - District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a School Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities. [PRESSPlus1](#)

**Visitor** - Any person other than an enrolled student or District employee.

All visitors to school property are required to report to the Building Principal's office and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. When leaving the school, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents/guardians, and friends, and/or community members are invited onto school property or when community members are attending Board meetings, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials' instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member by telephone or email to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student for purposes of assessing the student's special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, a Board member, sports official, coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device. An individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm under the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act is permitted to: (a) carry a concealed firearm within a vehicle into a parking area controlled by a school or the District and may store a firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the vehicle in the parking area, and/or (b) carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle in a parking area controlled by a school or the District for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
5. Damage or deface School District property.
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug. [PRESSPlus2](#)
9. B e present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred. [PRESSPlus3](#)
10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students, implementing Ashley's Law. [PRESSPlus4](#)
11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board;
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.

14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

**Please refer to the current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).**

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the following two exceptions:

1. The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or
2. The offender received permission to be present from the Board, Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent or Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school grounds or in any school building; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from school property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to school events or meetings for up to one calendar year.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to School Events or Meetings

Before any person may be denied admission to school events or meetings as provided in this policy, the person has a right to a hearing before the Board. The Superintendent may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Superintendent or designee must provide the person with a hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain: <sup>Q1</sup>

1. The date, time, and place of the Board hearing,
2. A description of the prohibited conduct,
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied, and
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

LEGAL REF.:

Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 730 N.E.2d 96 (Ill.App.4, 2000).

Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §7181 et seq., Pro-Children Act of 1994.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/22-33, 5/24-24, ~~and 5/24-25~~, and 5/27-23.7(a).

410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.

430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

410 ILCS 705/, Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.

720 ILCS 5/11-9.3.

CROSS REF.:4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Discipline), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

Adopted: July 15, 2019

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## Questions and Answers:

\*\*\*Required Question 1. For ease of administration, this text is broader than 105 ILCS 5/24-24, requiring a hearing for both *school events* and *meetings*. See *Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist.*, 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 2000) (board was authorized to ban parent from attending all school events and extracurricular activities by 105 ILCS 5/24-24; the ban was based on the parent's exposing a toy gun and a pocketknife at a board meeting). The court in *Nuding* did not specifically answer whether a board meeting qualified as a *school event* under 105 ILCS 5/24-24, but upheld the board's right to enforce conduct rules at its meetings under 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5.

Consult the board attorney before narrowing the text, especially if the board has put the current text into practice and now plans to narrow it. This issue involves a balancing of a board's interest in the orderly transaction of its public business and the efficiency of its meetings against an individual's: (a) statutory rights attend meetings and/or comment to and ask questions of the board (105 ILCS 5/10-16 and 5 ILCS 120/2.06(g)) and (b) constitutional freedoms and rights of speech, the press, assembly, and to petition the government (U.S. Constitution, First Amendment and Ill. Constitution, Art. I, §§ 1, 2, 4, and 5).

Does the board want to narrow the policy text to mirror 105 ILCS 5/24-24?

- No (default)
- Yes ("or meetings" will be removed from the subheading and the first sentence of the subsection)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated to align with the text of 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7(a). **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA), 410 ILCS 705/, added by P.A. 101-27. This statement must be consistent with employee working conditions and employee conduct standards (see 5:120-AP, *Employee Conduct Standards*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com)) **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. Each board and superintendent may want to engage in a conversation regarding how the district might partner with local law enforcement to enforce this policy and the penalties available under the Cannabis Regulation Tax Act, e.g., posting signs barring community members from bringing in weapons, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, etc. Signage reminding visitors of the policy may make it easier for staff and/or local law enforcement to enforce. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 4. Managing cannabis on district property and the school setting presents many unsettled and complex legal issues. To legally use medical cannabis in Illinois, an individual must first become a *registered qualifying patient*. The use of cannabis by a *registered qualifying patient* is permitted only in accordance with the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act (Medical Cannabis Program Act (MCPA)) 410 ILCS 130/, amended by P.A. 101-363, eff. 1-1-20 and scheduled to be repealed on 7-1-20. There are many situations in which no one, even a *registered qualifying patient*, may possess or use cannabis, including (a) in a school bus, (b) on the grounds of any preschool or primary or secondary school, or (c) in close physical proximity to anyone under the age of 18 years of age. However, *Ashley's Law*, 105 ILCS 5/22-33(b) and (g), added by P.A. 100-660, allows *designated caregivers* to administer medical cannabis infused products to students who are *registered qualifying patients* at school or on the school bus, and requires school boards to adopt a policy to implement the law unless the district would lose federal funding. See policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*.

Remember that *Ashley's Law* requires the designated caregiver to remove the product from the school premises or the school bus after administering it to the student, so as a result, policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, requires immediate removal of medical cannabis infused products after administering them to the student. **Issue 102, October 2019**