

# POLICY GUIDE SHEET

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Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies and board bylaws. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

## **BP 0000 - Vision**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to address data sources for vision setting, set expectations that the district's vision will drive all board decisions and district operations, and align the process of reviewing the district's vision with the process for reviewing and updating the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Regulation deleted and key concepts incorporated into the BP.

## **BP 0100 - Philosophy**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to strongly encourage boards to engage in thoughtful discussions and develop their own statements of district philosophy. Sample statements expanded to add items related to nondiscrimination, the influence of teachers and educational support staff on student achievement, the importance of professional development for staff and the board, the board's responsibility to engage in advocacy, and the link between financial stability and attainment of district goals.

## **BP 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to provide that the responsibility for determining the criteria, schedule, method(s), and instrument(s) for superintendent evaluation rests with the board, although input may be sought from the superintendent. Updated policy clarifies that, although the evaluation may be discussed in closed session, the law does not permit discussion or action on any proposed change in compensation during closed session, with limited exceptions. Policy also reflects court decision holding that personal performance goals are not subject to disclosure to the public unless they are specifically stated in the employment contract.

## **BP 4112.61/4212.61/4312.61 - Employment References**

(BP deleted)

Policy deleted and key concepts incorporated into regulation.

## **BP 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

(BP revised)

Policy and exhibit updated to delete material defining the "sufficiency" of instructional materials as meaning that students enrolled in the same course have identical materials from the same adoption cycle, and to delete optional material reflecting the authorization to purchase the newest adopted materials for schools in deciles 1-3 of the Academic Performance Index, as those laws have repealed on their own terms. Updated policy also reflects the requirement to address the sufficiency of instructional materials in the district's LCAP and reflects **NEW LAW** (AB 575, 2016) which provides that the State Board of Education may adopt instructional materials for grades K-8 at least once, but not more than twice, every eight years.

## **BP 7212 - Mello-Roos Districts**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (AB 1666, 2016) which requires an agency that has formed a community facilities district (CFD) to post specified financial reports on its web site. Policy also expanded to include additional requirements regarding the submission of a petition to form a CFD, timelines for proceedings to form a CFD, consistency with the district's debt management policy, attendance priority for students residing within the CFD, and procedures for levying special taxes or incurring bonded indebtedness.

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### **BB 9121 - President**

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reorganize and revise the duties of the board president for consistency with information provided in CSBA's Board President's Workshop, and to add an optional component on providing training for the president to enhance his/her leadership skills.

### **BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections**

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (SB 415, 2015) which, effective January 1, 2018, requires a district to move the date of its board election to be concurrent with a statewide election whenever holding an election on a nonconcurrent date has resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined. Bylaw encourages districts to review recent voter turnout and, if necessary, adopt a plan before the January 1, 2018 deadline in order to delay consolidation until November 8, 2022. Bylaw also reflects **NEW LAWS** which require public hearings before and after drawing maps of proposed trustee areas (AB 350, 2016), authorize districts to permit board candidates to submit candidate statements for electronic distribution (AB 2010, 2016), allow districts to establish a dedicated fund to make public funds available to persons seeking elective office under specified conditions (SB 1107, 2016), and require prospective plaintiffs who allege that the election method violates the California Voting Rights Act to notify the district before filing a complaint (AB 350, 2016).

### **BB 9230 - Orientation**

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to delete section on "Board Candidate Orientation" and move that material to BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections. Bylaw also clarifies that an orientation meeting must be conducted in open session if a majority of the members of the board will be discussing district business, provides examples of topics and materials to be addressed in the orientation, and provides information about CSBA trainings for new and first-term board members.