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Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

Board Policy 3110 - Transfer of Funds

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which authorizes, for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years if the state defers any payments owed to districts, the temporary transfer of up to 85 percent of the maximum amount held in any fund or account for the payment of obligations. Item #4 revised to clarify requirements for transfers from special reserve funds for capital outlay or other purposes into the general fund for general operating purposes of the district.

Board Policy 3230 - Federal Grant Funds

Policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (85 Fed. Reg. 49506)**, effective November 12, 2020, which clarify and renumber requirements for the use and accounting of federal grant funds pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (commonly called the "Uniform Guidance"). Policy reflects an amendment to the Uniform Guidance which extends the timeframe for submitting the final performance report from 90 to 120 calendar days after the ending date of the grant.

Administrative Regulation 3230 - Federal Grant Funds

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (85 Fed. Reg. 49506)**, effective November 12, 2020, which clarify and renumber requirements for the use and accounting of federal grant funds pursuant to the Uniform Guidance. Regulation reflects amendments to the Uniform Guidance which (1) extend the timeframe for paying all obligations of federal funds from 90 to 120 calendar days after the end of the funding period; (2) require districts to give a preference to the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials from the United States as practicable; and (3) increase the threshold for "micro-purchases" and "small purchases" that qualify for simplified procurement procedures. Regulation also adds the requirement to provide for disciplinary actions to be applied when officers, employees, or representatives of the district violate conflict of interest standards. Section on "Personnel" revised to (1) add the district's responsibility to check employee records and ensure that the charges are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated and (2) clarify the documentation requirements for employees whose salary is paid with state or local funds but is used to meet a cost-sharing or matching requirement of the federal grant.

Administrative Regulation 3311.2 - Lease-Leaseback Contracts

Regulation updated to (1) include the maximum term for the lease-leaseback contract as specified in law, (2) reflect the requirement for site and plan approval prior to entering into an agreement, (3) add optional language for a board resolution declaring the intent to enter into a lease-leaseback contract, and (4) move evaluation criteria into the list of items that must be included in the request for sealed proposals. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2311, 2020)** which requires districts to include in all bid documents and construction contracts a notice that the project is subject to state "skilled and trained workforce" requirements.

Administrative Regulation 3311.3 - Design-Build Contracts

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2311, 2020)** which requires districts to include in all bid documents and construction contracts a notice that the project is subject to state "skilled and trained workforce" requirements. Regulation also adds a definition of "skilled and trained workforce," and describes the district's responsibilities if the contractor fails to demonstrate compliance with these requirements.

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Administrative Regulation 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District

Regulation updated to add introductory information explaining the procedures that may be used to file a claim for money or damages against the district depending on the cause of action. Section on "Time Limitations" reorganized and clarified, especially with regard to the time limits for claims related to causes of actions which are excepted from the Government Claims Act, are not governed by any other claim presentation statute or regulation, and are addressed through procedures established by the district. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1473, 2020)** which allows a person to submit a claim, amendment to a claim, or application for a late claim by electronic means, if so authorized by a board resolution, in which case the subsequent notices provided by the district must be sent to the electronic address from which the claim was sent unless the claimant specifies an alternative electronic address for that purpose.

Board Policy 3452 - Student Activity Funds

Policy updated to clarify that the policy does not apply to school-connected organizations that are not composed entirely of students or subject to the board's control and regulation. Section on "Fundraising" adds a reference to policy that addresses online fundraising, and addresses fundraising events that involve the sale of foods and/or beverages. Section on "Management and Reporting of Funds" updated to reflect Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 84, which provides that, if the district has administrative or direct financial involvement with the student organization's assets, as defined, the student activity fund may be considered a governmental fund subject to specific accounting and financial reporting requirements.