SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting: October 11, 2016

It is Recommended that the Board of Trustees Accept for First Reading Updates to Selected Board Policies and / or Administrative Regulations.

BACKGROUND: Per California Education Code and with the Board's desire to have updated and current policies, staff prepare policies to be reviewed and approved by the Board annually.

DESCRIPTION DETAILS: The following revised Board policies are presented to the Board of Trustees for first reading. These policies have been revised based on samples provided by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and reflect recent changes to the law and/or court decisions.

AR 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision
(AR revised)
Minor revision made in regulation to delete requirement that a teacher, in order to be evaluated on a five-year schedule, must meet the qualifications of a "highly qualified" teacher if applicable for the position, as the highly qualified teacher requirements were repealed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95).

AR/E 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals
(AR revised; E deleted)
Regulation updated to delete material on the qualifications and duties of paraprofessionals working in a program supported by Title I funds, as those requirements were repealed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95). Regulation also consolidates options for the requirement that paraprofessionals demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics equivalent to or exceeding the proficiency required for high school seniors. Exhibit which provided a sample attestation of compliance with Title I paraprofessional requirements deleted.

BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures
(BP/AR revised)
Mandated policy updated to reflect programs that must be investigated in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures (UCP), as listed on the California Department of Education's 2016/17 UCP Checklist. Mandated administrative regulation revised to clarify all required annual notifications and complaint filing requirements, and to provide for equitable treatment of a respondent to a complaint as required under federal law.

AR 3512 - Equipment
(AR revised)
Regulation updated to make minor revisions in the renumbering of legal cites pursuant to the Uniform Guidance for federal grant funds and to cross-reference new BP/AR 3230 - Federal Grant Funds.

BP 4113 - Assignment
(BP revised)
Policy updated to delete material re: assignment of teachers who meet the qualifications of "highly qualified" teachers, as those requirements were repealed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95). Policy also revised to reflect the continuing requirement to describe in the Title I local educational agency plan how the district will address any disparities that result in low-income or minority students being taught at higher rates by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers. Details reflecting the state's Compliance Monitoring, Intervention and Sanctions program deleted as the CDE's ESSA transition plan indicates that districts will not be required to participate in that program in the 2016-17 school year.

*A printed set of the revised Board Policies are available for review and located on the back table during the Board of Trustees meeting. The documents are also available to view and download on the District's website at: http://www.scottsvalleyusd.org

FISCAL IMPACT: None

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Item Proposed for: Discussion