

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1436, 2016) which requires the board, prior to taking final action on the salary or benefits of employees whose position within the district is established through an employment contract, to orally report a summary of the recommended action during open session of a board meeting. Updated policy also clarifies the limited circumstances under which salary and benefits may be discussed in closed session and the prohibition against discussing salary or other compensation during a special meeting of the board.

Administrative and Supervisory Personnel

BP 4312.1

CONTRACTS

The **Governing** Board ~~of Trustees~~ recognizes the importance of **employing** qualified and competent individuals to ~~lead~~**manage** district programs and to assist the Superintendent in coordinating efforts to achieve district goals and objectives. To that end, the Board may fill certificated administrative and supervisory positions and classified senior management positions on a contract basis.

The Board may offer a continuing contract of up to four years to any deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent; any certificated employee holding a position requiring a supervision or administration credential; or any senior manager of the classified service. (Education Code 35031, 44929.20)

Prior to entering into any such contract, the Board and Superintendent shall consider the financial impact of the contract on the district. The proposed contract shall also be reviewed by legal counsel to ensure that all legally required provisions are included in the contract and to address any potentially adverse obligations ~~to~~**for** the district.

The Board ~~shall~~**may** deliberate in the closed session of a regular meeting about the terms of an employment contract for a deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent; other certificated employee holding a position requiring a supervision or administration credential; or a senior manager of the classified service. ~~(Government Code 54957)~~**Discussions regarding salary, salary schedule, or other compensation may occur in the closed session of a regular meeting only between the Board and its designated representative(s), as permitted under Government Code 54957.6 (the "labor exception") for the purpose of reviewing the Board's position and/or instructing the designated representative(s) prior to or during bona fide negotiations with the employee. Such deliberations shall not be held during a special meeting. (Government Code 54956, 54957, 54957.6)**

~~Any such~~**The Board shall take final action on an employment contract shall be ratified by the Board during an open session of a regularly scheduled Board meeting, and that action shall be reflected in the Board's minutes. At that meeting, prior to taking action, the Board shall orally report a summary of the recommendation for the final action on salary or compensation in the form of fringe benefits. (Government Code 3511.1, 53262, 54953)**

Copies of ~~the contracts~~**any contract and other public records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation related to the salary, benefits, and other compensation shall be available to the public upon request. (Government Code 53262, 54953)**

Extension of Contract and/Reemployment

A contract shall be extended only by Board action and subsequent to a satisfactory evaluation of the employee's performance. No employment contract shall include a provision for automatic renewal of the contract.

During the term of the contract and with the consent of the employee involved, the Board may reelect or reemploy the employee starting on the next succeeding first day of July and based on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the Board and the employee. (Education Code 35031)

If the Board decides not to reelect or reemploy a deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or a senior manager of the classified service upon the expiration of his/her term, it shall notify the employee in writing 45 **calendar** days prior to the expiration of the term of the contract. (Education Code 35031)

Termination of Contract

The Board may terminate an employment contract prior to its expiration date in accordance with the conditions and process specified in the contract.

Every ~~employee~~**employment** contract shall include a provision specifying the legal maximum cash settlement that the employee may receive in the event that the ~~Board finds it necessary to terminate the contract~~ **is terminated** prior to its expiration date. (Government Code **3511.2, 53260**)

In addition, all ~~employee~~**employment** contracts shall include a provision that, if the employee is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his/her office or position, he/she shall fully reimburse the district for payments he/she receives as paid leave salary pending investigation or as cash settlement upon his/her termination and for any funds expended by the district in his/her criminal legal defense. (Government Code 53243-53243.4, 53260)