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FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS

The quantity and quality of learning programs are related to the funding provided and the effective, efficient management of those funds. It follows that the District's purposes can best be achieved through prudent fiscal management.

Due to resource limitations, there is sometimes a temptation to operate so that fiscal concerns overshadow the educational program. Recognizing this, it is essential that the Board take specific action to make certain that education remains central and that fiscal management contributes to the educational program. This concept is incorporated into Board operations and into all aspects of District management and operation.

As trustees of the community's investment in the facilities, materials and operational funds, the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the investment is protected and used wisely. Competent personnel and efficient procedures are essential for sound management of fiscal affairs. The Board expects that the Superintendent and the Treasurer keep it informed through both oral and written reports on the fiscal management of the District.

With the cooperation of the Treasurer and assistance from other designated personnel, the Superintendent is expected to develop an efficient and effective procedure for fiscal accounting, purchasing and the protection of plant, grounds, materials and equipment through prudent and economical operation, maintenance and insurance.

The Board seeks to achieve the following goals to:

- 1. engage in thorough advance planning, with staff and community involvement, in order to develop budgets and to guide expenditures to achieve the greatest educational returns for the dollars expended;
- 2. establish levels of funding that provide high quality education for the District's students;
- 3. use the best available techniques for budget development and management;
- 4. provide timely and appropriate information to all staff with fiscal management responsibilities and
- 5. establish effective procedures for accounting, reporting, business, purchasing and delivery, payroll, payment of vendors and contractors and all other areas of fiscal management.

[Adoption date: March 10, 2016]

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE/ BUDGET MODIFICATION AUTHORITY

<u>Budget</u>

The purpose of the annual tax budget is to enable the county budget commission to establish tax rates and serve as the basis for certification of revenue to the District.

The annual tax budget is regulated and controlled by State law and requirements of the county budget commission. The Board may establish additional budget requirements for funds at its disposal.

The Treasurer, the Superintendent and their staffs are responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and presentation of the budget to the Board for adoption.

Appropriations

As permitted by law, at the start of the fiscal year, the Board may pass a temporary appropriations measure to provide for meeting the ordinary expenses of the District until such time as the Board approves the annual appropriations resolution for the year, which is not later than October 1. If by October 1 the county budget commission has not certified all amended certificates of estimated resources to the Board of Education (or submitted a certification that no amended certificates are necessary), the Board can delay action on the annual appropriation measure until such time as the certificates are received.

The Treasurer files both the temporary and final appropriations measures at the proper times with the office of the county auditor.

The Superintendent/designee notifies each school administrator and/or department head of the allocations approved for expenditure.

Budget Modification

Appropriations approved by the Board at the fund level may receive a line item increase as long as there is a corresponding decrease. Any increase in the amount of the appropriation measure or transfers of funds permitted by law from major fund to major fund require Board approval and may require approval from the Court of Common Pleas.

Transfers Among Categories

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Treasurer to examine the appropriations categories and make the necessary recommendations to the Board.

[Adoption date: March 14, 1988] [Re-adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: June 28, 2004] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.34 3313.18 5705.14; 5705.15; 5705.16; 5705.28; 5705.29; 5705.35 through 5705.412

BUDGET PLANNING (Five-Year Forecast)

Budget planning is an integral part of program planning so that the annual operating budget may effectively express and implement all programs and activities of the District. Budget planning is a year-round process involving broad participation by administrators, teachers and other personnel throughout the District.

The Superintendent and the Treasurer are responsible for preparing the five-year forecast for the Board's approval. The forecast is for the current fiscal year and four years beyond.

The five-year forecast is prepared twice a year and filed with the Ohio Department of Education. The initial filing is due on or before November 30 and an update by May 31. The five-year forecast is updated as often as necessary in order to communicate significant changes in the District's financial position.

[Adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016] [Re-adoption date: October 15, 2018]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 5705.01; 5705.28 through 5705.32; 5705.35; 5705.36; 5705.37; 5705.39; 5705.391

CROSS REF.: BCF, Advisory Committees to the Board

BUDGET ADOPTION PROCEDURES (Tax Budget)

The purpose of the annual tax budget is to enable the county budget commission to establish tax rates and to serve as a basis for certification of revenue to the District.

The annual tax budget is regulated and controlled by State law and the requirements of the local county budget commission in which the District is located. The commission may require the Board to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties.

The Board may establish additional budget requirements for funds at its disposal.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Treasurer to prepare the necessary tax budget information and to attend any required tax budget meetings.

[Adoption date: March 14, 1988] [Re-adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 5705.04; 5705.28; 5705.281; 5705.30

FUNDING PROPOSALS AND APPLICATIONS

The Board directs the Superintendent/designee to apply for any state or federal grants for which the District is eligible, at his/her discretion. The Superintendent/designee evaluates federally funded programs and state grants, including their possible benefits to the students in the District, apprises the Board of the worth of each and makes recommendations accordingly.

The District participates to its limit of eligibility in the use of funds provided by the state for the educational benefit of its students.

[Adoption date: October 28, 2013] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REF.: ORC 3313.20

REVENUES FROM TAX SOURCES

In an attempt to provide sufficient financial resources, the Board:

- 1. requests that voters approve adequate local funds for the operation of the District and determines the amount of the individual levies at the time of the initial request, or at the time of a request for renewal or replacement, to yield sufficient revenue for the operating expenses of the District;
- 2. accepts available state funds to which the District is entitled by law or through regulations of the State Board of Education and
- 3. accepts federal funds, which are available, provided that there is a specific need for them and that the required matching funds are available.

[Adoption date: October 28, 2013] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REFS.: Ohio Const. Art. XII, Section 2 ORC 3301.07 3311.21 3313.17 through 3313.20; 3313.29; 3313.51 3317.01 through 3317.11 3323.09 Chapters 5701; 5705 5748.01 through 5748.06

ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

The Board accepts federal funds, which are available, provided that there is a specific need for them and that the required matching funds are available. The Board intends to administer federal grant awards efficiently, effectively and in compliance with all requirements imposed by law, the awarding agency and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) or other applicable pass-through entity.

The Board directs the Treasurer to develop, monitor, and enforce effective financial management systems and other internal controls over federal awards that provide reasonable assurances that the District is managing the awards in compliance with all requirements for federal grants and awards. Systems and controls must meet all requirements of Federal law and regulation, including the Uniform Guidance issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and any applicable state requirements, and shall be based on best practices.

All individuals responsible for the administration of a federal grant or award shall be provided sufficient training to carry out their duties in accordance with all applicable requirements for the federal grant or award.

The financial management systems and internal controls must provide for:

- 1. identification of all federal funds received and expended and their program source;
- 2. accurate, current, and complete disclosure of financial data in accordance with federal requirements;
- 3. records sufficient to track the receipt and use of funds;
- 4. effective control and accountability over assets to assure they are used only for authorized purposes and
- 5. comparison of expenditures against budget.

In addition, written procedures must be established for cash management and for determining the allowability of costs, as required by the Uniform Guidance.

At a minimum, the financial management systems and internal controls will address the following areas:

1. Allowability

Costs charged by the school system to a federal grant must be allowed under the individual program and be in accordance with the cost principles established in the Uniform Guidance, including how charges made to the grant for personnel are to be determined. Costs will be charged to a federal grant only when the cost is:

- A. reasonable and necessary for the program;
- B. in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms;
- C. allocable to the grant;
- D. adequately documented and
- E. consistent with District policies and procedures that apply to both federallyfunded and non-federally funded activities.

Internal controls will be sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that charges to federal awards for personnel expenses are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated and documented.

Controls include time and effort reporting in accordance with Uniform Guidance and the requirements of ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity. **Records are sufficient to verify that time spent and compensation (including salary and benefits) are allocable to the fund.**

2. Cash Management and Fund Control

Payment methods must be established in writing that minimize the time elapsed between the draw-down of federal funds and the disbursement of those funds. Standards for funds control and accountability must be met as required by the Uniform Guidance for advance payments and in accordance with the requirements of ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity.

3. Procurement

Prior to July 1, 2018, the District followed the requirements outlined in previous OMB guidance. Effective July 1, 2018 all purchases for property and services made using federal funds must be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, the Uniform Guidance, and the District's written policies and procedures.

The District avoids situations that unnecessarily restrict competition and avoids acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Individuals or organizations that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, and/or invitations for bids, requests for proposals, or invitations to negotiate, are excluded from competing for such purchases. The District performs a cost and price analysis for every procurement over the established simplified acquisition threshold.

Contracts are awarded only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration is given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. No contract is awarded to a contractor who is suspended or debarred from eligibility for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

The District takes all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority business, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. The affirmative steps taken include:

- A. placing qualified small and minority businesses women's business enterprises on solicitation lists:
- B. ensuring that small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- C. dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business and women's business enterprises;
- D. establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, that encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- E. using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of organizations such as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- F. requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed above.

The District also complies with all Buy American provisions where applicable.

Purchasing records are sufficiently maintained to detail the history of all procurements and must include at least the rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, and contractor selection or rejection; the basis for the contract price; and verification that the contractor is not suspended or debarred. 4. Conflict of Interest and Mandatory Disclosures

The District complies with the requirements of State law and the Uniform Guidance for conflicts of interest and mandatory disclosures for all procurements with federal funds.

Each employee, board member, or agent of the school system who is engaged in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal grant or award and who has a potential conflict of interest must disclose that conflict in writing to the Treasurer. The Treasurer discloses in writing any potential conflict of interest to ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity.

A conflict of interest would arise when the covered individual, any member of his/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization, which employs or is about to employ any of those parties has a financial or other interest in or receives a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. A covered individual who is required to disclose a conflict will not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal grant or award.

Employees, Board members, or agents of the District will not solicit or accept any gratuities, favors, or items from a contractor or a party to a subcontractor for a federal grant or award. Violations of this rule are subject to disciplinary action.

The Treasurer discloses in writing to ODE or other applicable pass-through-entity in a timely manner all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuities potentially affecting any federal award. The Treasurer fully addresses any such violations promptly and notifies the Board accordingly.

5. Equipment and Supplies Purchased with Federal Funds

Equipment and supplies acquired with federal funds will be used, managed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements. Property records and inventory systems shall be sufficiently maintained to account for and track equipment that has been acquired with federal funds.

6. Accountability and Certifications

All fiscal transactions must be approved by the Treasurer/designee who can attest that the expenditure is allowable and approved under the federal program. The Treasurer submits all required certifications.

7. Monitoring and Reporting Performance

The Treasurer will establish sufficient oversight of the operations of federally supported activities to assure compliance with applicable federal requirements and to ensure that program objectives established by the awarding agency are being achieved. The District submits all reports as required by federal or state authorities.

[Adoption date: October 15, 2018] [Re-adoption date: March 18, 2019] [Re-adoption date: November 22,2021] LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.314 117.101; 117.43 3313.33; 3313.46 3319.04 5705.39; 5705.41; 5705.412 2 C.F.R. Part 200

CROSS REFS.: BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest BCC, Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer DI, Fiscal Accounting and Reporting DID, Inventories (Fixed Assets) DJ, Purchasing DJC, Bidding Requirements DJF, Purchasing Procedures DK, Payment Procedures EF/EFB, Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services GBCA, Staff Conflict of Interest IGBJ, Title I Programs

NOTE: The Uniform Grant Guidance (Uniform Guidance) issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) effects certain federal funds districts receive. The guidance replaces requirements found in eight previous OMB circulars. The new rules are in effect for new or noncompeting continuation grants awarded by OMB on or after December 26, 2014.

> Districts are required to have written policies and/or procedures for the management of funds subject to the Uniform Guidance. The new rules are outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200 and emphasize the need for strong financial management systems and other internal controls aimed at controlling fraud, waste and abuse. Internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in the Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government issued by the comptroller general of the United States or the Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

> This policy is intended to establish the board's expectations and standards for financial management and other internal controls necessary to meet its obligations when receiving federal grant awards. This policy is not sufficient, alone, to serve as the written controls required by the Uniform Guidance. It must be supplemented with written procedures that should be developed by the Treasurer.

REVENUES FROM INVESTMENTS

Scope

The Board directs that the investing authority of the District resides with its Treasurer. This policy is designed to cover all monies under the control of the Board.

Objectives and Guidelines

The following investment objectives are applied in the management of the District's funds:

- 1. Liquidity: The investment portfolio remains sufficiently liquid to enable the Treasurer to meet reasonably anticipated operating requirements.
- 2. Safety: Investments are undertaken in a manner consistent with State law, which seeks to ensure the preservation of public funds.
- 3. Income: The Treasurer strives to achieve a fair and safe rate of return on the investment portfolio over the course of budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account State law, safety considerations and cash flow requirements.
- 4. Diversification: The investment portfolio should be diversified in order to avoid incurring potential losses regarding individual securities that may not be held to maturity, whether by erosion of market value or change in market conditions.
- 5. Prudence: Investments are made with judgment and care under circumstances then prevailing which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.
- 6. Bank Accounts: Relationships with banks are managed in order to secure adequate services while minimizing costs. Deposits should be concentrated in single accounts except where audit control considerations dictate otherwise.

Authorized Financial Institutions and Dealers

U.S. Treasury and agency securities purchased outright are made only through a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, through a bank, savings bank or savings and loan association regulated by the Superintendent of Financial Institutions or through an institution regulated by the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or board of governors of the Federal Reserve System.

- 1. Repurchase agreements are transacted through banks and/or eligible dealers consistent with State law.
- 2. Certificates of deposit are transacted through commercial banks or savings and loans with FDIC coverage, and qualify as eligible financial institutions under State law.

<u>Maturity</u>

To the extent possible, the Treasurer attempts to match the District's investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow requirement, the Treasurer will not directly invest in securities maturing more than five years from the date of purchase.

Derivatives

Investments in derivatives are strictly prohibited. A derivative means a financial instrument or contract or obligation whose value or return is based upon or linked to another asset or index, or both, separate from the financial instrument, contract or obligation itself. Additionally, any security, obligation, trust account or instrument that is created from an obligation of a federal agency or instrumentality or is created from both is considered a derivative instrument.

Allowable Investments

The Treasurer may invest in any instrument or security authorized in State law as amended. A copy of the appropriate section of the Ohio Revised Code is kept with this policy.

Collateral

All deposits are collateralized pursuant to State law.

Reporting

The Treasurer reports and maintains records of all investments and deposits.

All brokers, dealers and financial institutions initiating transactions with the investment authority by giving advice or executing transactions initiated by the investment authority must acknowledge their agreement to abide by the investment policy's content.

Internal Controls

The investing authority establishes a system of internal controls, which are documented in writing. The internal controls are reviewed periodically by an independent auditor. The controls are designed to prevent loss of public funds due to fraud, employee error and imprudent actions by employees and officers of the District.

[Adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REFS.: Intergovernmental Cooperation Act ORC 135.01 through 135.21 3313.51

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES (Use of Facsimile Signatures)

The Treasurer authorizes designated depositories to honor any instrument bearing an authorized facsimile signature in a form as he/she may designate and to charge the same to the account as fully as though it bore a manually written signature.

A facsimile signature includes, but is not limited to, the reproduction of any authorized signature by a copper plate or a photographic, photostatic or mechanical device. Written notice of the adoption of a facsimile signature is provided to the depositories. The notice includes a description of the device to be used and a sample of the facsimile signature. Written approval must be received from the depository before the facsimile signature can be used. The Board purchases a surety bond to protect the loss of any public funds.

[Adoption date: July 7, 2005] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016] [Re-adoption date: December 17, 2018]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.10 through 9.12; 9.14 1306.06

BONDED EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS

The Treasurer is required to execute an individual surety bond meeting statutory requirements or be covered under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy. The amount of coverage shall be determined and approved by the Board. The Treasurer may, at the time of appointment or reappointment to the position, or during the individual's term or employment, become covered under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in lieu of a surety bond. The Treasurer shall not commence or continue the discharge of duties until coverage is documented as required by the Board. A lack of coverage on the date on which the discharge of duties are commenced or continued by the individual shall render the office vacant and it shall be filled in accordance with law.

The employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy also may cover any other entity or individual as determined by the Board including but not limited to the Superintendent, Board President and employees who handle school funds and non-employees collecting money on behalf of the District.

[Adoption date: March 14, 1988] [Re-adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016] [Re-adoption date: March 18, 2019] [Re-adoption date: January 25, 2021] [Re-adoption date:]

LEGAL REFS.:	ORC	3.06
		131.18
		3313.25; 3313.83
		3319.05
		5705.412

CROSS REFS.: DM, Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points) EI, Insurance Management

FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The District's accounting system is in conformance with the Uniform School Accounting System as prescribed by the Auditor of State for the use of school districts, federal funds also are accounted for in conformance with the Uniform Guidance issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and any applicable state requirements. The Treasurer is responsible for receiving and properly accounting for all funds of the District.

The financial records must be adequate to:

- 1. guide the making or deferring of purchases, the expansion or curtailing of programs and the controlling of expenses;
- 2. ensure that current data are immediately available and in such form that routine summaries can be readily made;
- 3. serve as a guide to budget estimates for future years and to hold expenditures to the amounts appropriated and
- 4. show that those in charge have handled funds within limitations established by law and in accordance with Board policy.

The Board receives monthly financial statements from the Treasurer, which show receipts, disbursements, appropriations, encumbrances and balances. The Treasurer makes all other financial reports required by law or by state or federal agencies and submits them to the proper authorities.

The Treasurer provides the Board with any other financial management reports that the Board determines necessary.

Financial records are permanent. The supporting documents may be destroyed only in compliance with the provisions of State law and in compliance with specifications of the District's records commission, the Auditor of State and the Ohio Historical Society.

[Adoption date: October 26, 2000]
[Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016]
[Re-adoption date: July 27, 2017]
[Re-adoption date: October 23, 2017]
LEGAL REFS.: ORC 117.101; 117.38; 117.43
149.01 through 149.43
3301.07
3313.29; 3313.32
3315.04
Chapter 1347
Chapter 5705
2 C.F.R. Part 200
CROSS REF.: EHA, Data and Records Retention
DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds

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INVENTORIES (Fixed Assets)

The Board, as steward of this District's property, recognizes that efficient management and full replacement upon loss requires accurate inventory and properly maintained property records.

The District conducts a complete inventory every five years, by physical count, of all Districtowned equipment and supplies. For purposes of this policy, "equipment" means a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus or articles that retain shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable and does not lose its identity when incorporated into a more complex unit. For purpose of items purchased with federal funds, equipment is defined as tangible, nonexpendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

This District maintains a fixed asset accounting system. The fixed asset system maintains sufficient information to permit:

- 1. preparation of year-end financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- 2. adequate insurance coverage and
- 3. control and accountability.

Each building and additions to buildings are identified by location or name and are described in detail (e.g., size, number of floors, square footage, type of construction, etc.) with the value shown for all individual structures.

Fixed equipment is inventoried by building, floor and room name or number; each item is to be listed individually. (Leased equipment that the District will eventually own must be inventoried.)

Movable equipment is inventoried by building, floor and room name or number; each item is to be listed individually. Any item that has a model number or serial number has that number noted in the description for full identification. All items assigned to a building are the building administrator's responsibility.

All equipment purchased, after the initial inventory, as capital outlay or replacement with a cost of \$5,000 or more and with an estimated useful life of five years or more is tagged and made part of the equipment inventory. For fixed asset reporting purposes, all equipment valued at \$5000 is used. Property records and inventory systems are sufficiently maintained to account for and track equipment acquired with federal funds.

A listing of all equipment is maintained for each building and department. This listing is updated annually by the close of the school year, or not later than the second Friday in June of each year. This updated listing is then submitted to the Treasurer's office for audit purposes.

A physical inventory of equipment is taken at the building level at the close of the school year, or not later than the second Friday in June of each year. This updated listing is then submitted to the Treasurer's office for audit purposes.

The Treasurer shall be assisted by principals, directors, supervisors and certified and classified staffs in the performance of this function.

[Adoption date: November 18, 1996] [Re-adoption date: July 27, 1998] [Re-adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: December 16, 2002] [Re-adoption date: July 24, 2006] [Re-adoption date: July 25, 2011] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016] [Re-adoption date: August 25, 2016] [Re-adoption date: July 27, 2017] [Re-adoption date: November 22, 2021] LEGAL REFS.: ORC 117.38 3313.20; 3313.41 2 C.F.R. Part 200

CROSS REF.: DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds

AUDITS

In accordance with State statutes, all District financial records are subject to audit by the Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices of the Auditor of State's office. The Board has the right to request an independent audit with the approval of the Auditor of State's office.

A copy of the Auditor's report is placed on file in the Auditor of State's office; another copy is submitted to the Board. The Board makes the audit report available for public inspection.

[Adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 117.10; 117.11; 117.12; 117.26; 117.27 3313.29

PURCHASING

The function of purchasing is to serve the educational program by providing the necessary supplies, equipment and services. The Board's authority for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies and services is extended to the District administration through its adoption of the annual appropriations resolution.

The Board declares its intention to purchase competitively without prejudice and to seek maximum educational value for every dollar expended. The purchase of items and services found on lists from the appropriations resolution requires no further Board approval, except in those instances in which, by law or Board policy, the purchases or services must be put to bid.

The Board authorizes "blanket" purchase orders to be issued for generic supplies for up to the \$5,000 limit. Blanket purchase orders will not extend beyond the current fiscal year.

A super blanket purchase order for a "specific" permitted purpose in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 on the line-item appropriation and fund without prior authorization from the Treasurer and is authorized to the extent permitted by law. The permitted purpose list may include payment for accountants, architects, attorneys, construction project managers, consultants, engineers, fuel oil, gasoline, food items and utilities. The super blanket purchase order may not extend beyond the current fiscal year.

The acquisition of supplies, equipment and services is centralized in the business office, which functions under the supervision of the purchasing agent through whose office all purchasing transactions are conducted.

The Board assigns to the purchasing agent the responsibility for the quality and quantity of purchases made. The Treasurer is charged with the responsibility to ensure that all purchases do not exceed appropriations and that they are consistent with the approved educational goals and programs of the District and are conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

[Adoption date: March 10, 2016] [Re-adoption date: October 15, 2018] LEGAL REFS.: Ohio Const. VIII, Section 2e ORC 9.314 3313.172; 3313.18; 3313.33; 3313.46 3319.04 3327.08 5705.38; 5705.39; 5705.40; 5705.41; 5705.412 2 C.F.R. Part 200

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CROSS REFS.: DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds

DJC, Bidding Requirements DJF, Purchasing Procedures DK, Payment Procedures

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

The Board directs the Treasurer to create petty cash accounts when necessary for District operations. Money may be drawn from accounts by check or debit card. The Treasurer designates who can use the accounts, the amount of money that may be placed in the accounts as well as the procedures and requirements for replenishing the accounts.

The debit card and check access is limited to only those individuals who have a job-related need to use these payment methods. Any person using the debit card or check must complete all required documentation.

The Treasurer establishes the amount of money to be placed in the accounts. The Treasurer's approval is needed to replenish the accounts. No major purchases may be made from the accounts.

Any individual with access to the petty cash account who ignores procedure and allows anyone else to use the card, or who does not take prudent measures to ensure that proper security is maintained, may be held personally liable for losses.

[Adoption date: October 26, 2000] [Re-adoption date: March 10, 2016] [Re-adoption date: 11/20/2023]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.38 3313.291; 3313.31; 3313.51

CROSS REF.: DM, Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Contracts for construction or demolition of buildings or for any improvements or repairs that exceed \$50,000 are let only after bids are solicited and received to be compliant with the law. However, if the Board enters into a shared savings contract for energy conservation measures, competitive bidding is not required. The Board may also enter into an installment payment contract for the purchase and installation of energy conservation measures and competitive bidding does not need to be utilized if two-thirds of the entire Board adopts a resolution stating that competitive bidding does not apply to the project.

If feasible, all purchases over \$10,000.00 **and not otherwise subject to required federal or state bidding requirements** will be based on price quotations submitted by at least three vendors. These quotations are treated confidentially until the deadline for filing is past; thereafter, they are public information.

The Superintendent/designee assembles the proper specifications and makes the necessary arrangements for public bidding and price quotations. The Treasurer receives the bids and price quotations and records them. The Treasurer makes his/her recommendations to the Board. Upon approval by the Board, he/she processes purchase orders to those bidders awarded contracts and notifies the other bidders of the results of the bidding.

Purchases made through the use of federal funds are made in compliance with the requirements of State and Federal law **and District policies and procedures** including the applicable bidding requirements.

[Adoption date:	March 14, 1988]
[Re-adoption date:	October 26, 1990]
[Re-adoption date:	September 22, 2008]
[Re-adoption date:	March 10, 2016]
[Re-adoption date:	October 15, 2018]
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LEGAL REFS.:	ORC	9.314
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		3319.04

CROSS REFS.: DJ, Purchasing DJF, Purchasing Procedures ECF, Energy Conservation FA, Facilities Development Goals FEF, Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards

PURCHASING PROCEDURES

Monies under the jurisdiction of the Board may not be expended except upon a warrant drawn against a specific appropriation and against a specific fund. Therefore, no contract or purchase order for the expenditure of money will be made unless there is attached to it a certificate of the Treasurer certifying that the amount required to meet the contract or purchase order has been appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection, and is free from previous encumbrance.

Any contract or purchase order issued without such a certificate attached is void, except as the law allows later issuance within 30 days of the certificate and except that, if the amount involved is less than \$3,000, the Treasurer may authorize it to be paid without the ratification or affirmation of the Board. Under certain conditions, the law also allows the Treasurer to issue blanket certification, subject to limitations of time and amount as set by law.

Purchasing procedures are designed to ensure the best possible price for the desired products and services. Procedures for purchasing are developed to require that all purchases are made on properly approved purchase orders and that, for items not put up for bid, price quotations are solicited.

Special arrangements may be made for ordering perishable and emergency supplies.

Prior to July 1, 2018, the District followed the requirements outlined in previous OMB guidance. Effective July 1, 2018 all purchases for property and services made using federal funds must be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, the Uniform Guidance, and the District's written policies and procedures.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.46 3327.08 5705.41(D)(1); 5705.412; 5705.44

CROSS REFS.: DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds DJ, Purchasing DJC, Bidding Requirements

PURCHASING PROCEDURES

General

- 1. The Board designates the Superintendent as the purchasing agent.
- 2. No person may commit the District to a purchase without the appropriate certificate of the availability of funds.
- 3. The materials, equipment, supplies and/or services to be purchased are of the quality required to serve the function in a satisfactory manner, as determined by the requisitioner and the Superintendent.
- 4. It is the responsibility of the requisitioner to provide an adequate description of the item(s) purchased so that the purchasing agent may be able to prepare the specifications and to procure most expeditiously and economically the desired commodity and/or service. A source of supply should be included on requisitions for specialty or unusual items.
- 5. No requisitioner shall knowingly restrict competition or otherwise preclude the most economical purchase of the required items.
- 6. When a low bidder proposes an alternate as equal to that specified, it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to determine whether the proposed substitution is, in fact, an equal. Such decision is based on his/her evaluation and that of the requisitioner. In the case of disagreement between the requisitioner and the Treasurer, either party may refer the matter to the Superintendent.
- 7. Any invoice that is billed to the District without a properly approved purchase order will not be paid by the Treasurer. In emergency situations and when the purchase requisition is prepared within 72 hours of the service being prepared, the Treasurer will process invoices in a normal manner. Any administrator who can show just cause for the failure to process a purchase requisition may write a memo to the Board requesting the Treasurer to pay the invoice in question.

Requisitions

- 1. The District establishes a standardized requisition procedure to allow authorized representatives to submit requests for the purchase of materials and supplies.
- 2. The following are designated as "requisitioner"; that is, they are authorized to issue requisitions against stipulated segments of budgetary appropriations: the Superintendent, administrative assistants, directors, supervisors and building principals. Each requisitioner is responsible for limiting his/her requisitions to the appropriate amounts.

- 3. Only District-approved methods or forms are used for requisitioning.
- 4. A requisition, to be considered appropriate for processing, meets the following requirements:
 - A. contains adequate information and
 - B. is approved by and bears the signature of an authorized requisitioner.
- 5. All approved requisitions are submitted to the Treasurer.
- 6. After a purchase order has been issued by the Treasurer's office, the number of the purchase order is recorded on the requisition.
- 7. After processing, the original copy of the requisition is filed in the office of the Treasurer.

Purchase Orders

- 1. Purchase orders are prepared by the appropriate person and at a minimum include the following essentials:
 - A. a specification that adequately describes to the supplier the characteristics and the quality standards of the item required;
 - B. a firm, quoted, net-delivered price, whenever possible (unit prices are shown);
 - C. clear delivery instructions, including place and time;
 - D. appropriate account code number or appropriation code and
 - E. the Treasurer's certificate of available revenue and appropriation.
- 2. Purchase orders use an identifiable tracking system established by the District and contain the appropriate number of copies to meet District needs.
- 3. Verbal confirmation orders subject to subsequent confirmation by a written purchase order may be issued only in cases in which a bona fide emergency situation exists that can be handled only by this procedure:
- 4. whenever possible, a purchase order number should be given to the supplier and
 - B. a confirming requisition is issued immediately, marked "confirmation" indicating the purchase order number, if one was given.

Federal Procurement

Purchasing of goods and services using federal funds must be done in accordance with the above procedures and also in accordance with all federal requirements including allowability of costs. All purchases must be reasonable and free of conflicts of interest and conducted in a manner providing full and open competition.

No purchase will be made using federal funds unless the District verifies that the contractor is not suspended or debarred.

To determine which procurement method type is required, the District will (*customize to reflect process: will look back at the last three years of expenditures for the specific goods or services to be purchased with federal funds and determine which method of procurement/contract type is applicable to the individual situation based on the average aggregate amount spent with the providing vendor in a fiscal year or another similar method).*

Once the threshold has been established, the following methods of procurement will be used for all purchases of goods and services made with federal funds.

Informal Procurement Methods

- 1.Micro-purchases are purchases up to \$10,000 and may be made in accordance with District purchasing procedures when the costs are reasonable, based on research, experience, purchase history or other information and documents. To the maximum extent practicable, these purchases are distributed equitably among qualified suppliers.
- 2. Small purchase are purchases between \$10,000 and \$250,000. Prior to authorizing the purchase, the District will obtain price rates or quotations from a minimum of 3 vendors or providers. The District will obtain these price rates or quotations by: *this may include but not be limited to obtaining quotes verbally, in writing, or by using price listing on websites, and advertising in newspaper of general circulation, etc.*).

Formal Procurement Methods

- 2.Sealed bid procedures are used for firm fixed price contracts over \$250,000 and is used as the preferred method for construction projects. Bids are solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, which cannot be less than two responsible bidders. The District will solicit bids by *obtaining quotes verbally, in writing, or by using price listing on websites, and advertising in newspaper of general circulation, etc.*). The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- 3.Competitive proposals are used for all fixed price or cost reimbursement contracts over \$250,000 for which sealed bids are not appropriate and must be used for architectural or engineering services. The District will publicize a request for proposal by *this may be using various advertising methods including but not limited to, radio, internet, advertising in a newspaper of general circulation, etc.*). The District will evaluate

proposals in order to award the contract to the most advantageous proposal when considering cost and other factors. The District will evaluate proposals by lowest and most responsive bid.

Noncompetitive Procurement

Noncompetitive procurement can only be awarded if one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- 1. the aggregate amount does not exceed the established micro-purchase threshold:
- 2. the goods or services are only available from a single source;
- 3. a public exigency or emergency exists;
- 4. the applicable pass-through entity expressly authorizes a noncompetitive procurement in response to a written request from the District or
- 5. after solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

All solicitations:

- 1. Include clear and accurate description on the technical requirements for the material, product or service to be procured. This description sets forth the minimum and essential characteristics the material, product or service must meet.
- 2. Will not contain specifications that unduly restrict competition.
- 3. Identify all requirements offerors must fulfil and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

The District also complies with all fund specific obligations. The District includes the following clauses in contracts when required for the fund type:

- 1. equal employment opportunity
- 2. termination for cause and convenience
- 3. contract work hours/safety standards
- 4. Davis Bacon Act provisions
- 5. rights to inventions made under a contract
- 6. debarment and suspension
- Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment language.
 To the extent required by law, the District shall require that the person awarded a contract satisfy the bonding requirements set forth in the applicable Federal regulations.

The District maintains records to verify selection of procurement type and compliance with applicable procurement requirements.

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CREDIT CARDS

The Board recognizes the efficiency and convenience afforded the day-to-day operation of the District through the use of credit cards under the supervision of the Treasurer. However, credit cards are not to be used to circumvent the general purchasing procedures required by State law and Board policies.

The Board authorizes the Treasurer to review available credit card accounts to determine which account and account provider best meets the needs of the District. The Treasurer will determine how many accounts, cards and checks are to be issued, and establish a process for credit card reissuance or cancellation.

- 1. The District name must appear on each card and/or check associated with the credit card account. The maximum credit card account limit is \$200,000.00. The Treasurer provides an annual report to the Board detailing all rewards received based on use of the credit card account.
- 2. The Board appoints a compliance officer who reviews the number of cards and accounts issued, the number of active cards and accounts issued, and the card and account expiration dates and credit limits at least once every six months. The Treasurer cannot serve as the compliance officer. The compliance officer cannot authorize an individual to use the credit card. The compliance officer cannot use the credit card account except when the compliance officer is the Superintendent. If the Superintendent is the credit card, the Treasurer/designee must monthly review the credit card transaction detail and sign attestation to the review.
- 3. Credit cards may only be used by the following individuals: Superintendent, Treasurer, Administrators and Department Heads.
- 4. Credit cards may be used for District-related transportation, reservations and expenses, conference registrations and hotel reservation guarantees for the Board and staff. Such expenses are subject to the reimbursement limits established by the Board. With prior approval of the Treasurer, credit cards may be used by school employees for school-related purchases from a vendor who does not accept purchase orders or vouchers.
- 5. If monies are budgeted and deposited with the Treasurer in advance, credit cards may be used by school employees for student trips and competitions for safety and security reasons.
- 6. With prior approval of the Treasurer, credit cards may be used by school employees for school-related purchases from a vendor who does not accept purchase orders or vouchers.

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- 7. Gratuities are permissible only when card use is for group purchases and the tip is automatically added to the bill.
- 8. All credit card statements are sent directly to the Treasurer's office. The Treasurer keeps a record of all credit card use.
- 9. Receipts and appropriate form(s) are to be turned in with the credit card to the Treasurer within 5 business days upon completion of approved use. Receipts for meals must include the names of all individuals for whom meals were provided and the purpose of the meeting. Failure to turn in receipts and appropriate form(s) to the Treasurer within 5 business days the required timeframe may result in the charges being deemed unrelated or unsubstantiated. The user is responsible for any unsubstantiated or unrelated purchases. Any late fees assessed to the District due to an employee failing to submit invoices and credit card receipts on a timely basis are the responsibility of the employee.
- 10. All authorized users must immediately report loss or theft of the District credit card to the Treasurer who will immediately contact the credit card issuer.

The use of the credit card for the following items is considered unauthorized use and classified as credit card misuse:

- 1. expenditures not specifically authorized by this policy; Voluntary tips, any item for personal use and any item not directly associated with your job or job duties
- 2. purchase of personal goods or services for an administrator, an administrator's spouse, children or anyone employed or not employed by the Board and attending a District business function;
- 3. payment of any fines, penalties or personal liabilities incurred by the administrator or anyone else;
- 4. alcoholic beverages or tobacco;
- 5. fuel for use in a personal vehicle;
- 6. entertainment expenses, including pay-per-view movie charges and/or
- 7. cash advances.

Persons using a credit card for personal, nonauthorized purposes or undocumented expenditures shall be held personally responsible for those expenditures. Misuse of the credit card is subject to disciplinary procedures, including termination. An employee or officer of the Board who knowingly misuses a District credit card account also is in violation of State criminal law.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.21; 9.22 2913.21 3313.311

CROSS REFS.: DJ, Purchasing

DJB, Petty Cash Accounts DLC, Expense Reimbursement GCL, Certified Staff Development Opportunities GDL, Classified Staff Development Opportunities

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

All claims for payment from District funds are processed by the Treasurer. Payment is authorized against invoices and supporting documents verifying receipt, supported by approved purchase orders or in accordance with salaries and salary schedules approved by the Board.

As an operating procedure, the Board has adopted an annual resolution authorizing payment by the Treasurer for debts or claims. The Board receives a list of bills paid the previous month.

The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that appropriate allocations are observed and that total expenditures do not exceed the amounts appropriated for all items.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.18 3315.08 5705.38 through 5705.412

CROSS REFS.: DJ, Purchasing DLB, Salary Deductions

SALARY DEDUCTIONS

Except for deductions for absence not covered by paid leave or those required by law, salary deductions are allowed only upon authorization by the employee and approval by the Board.

The following deductions are required:

- 1. federal, state and local income tax;
- 2. employee's share of retirement contribution according to current rate as set by law;
- 3. unexcused or excused absence not covered by paid leave and
- 4. Medicare deduction in compliance with Federal law.

If requested by employees, the Board will implement payroll deductions for the Ohio Deferred Compensation Program. Other deductions are in accordance with negotiated agreements and/or Board policy.

The District may limit the right of an individual employee to designate the agent, broker or company to write tax-sheltered annuities by requiring designation by at least one percent of the District's full-time employees or at least five, whichever is greater, except that a District may not require that a company be designated by more than 50 employees.

When a teacher is absent from duty and there is no leave applicable, the absence is unauthorized. The salary deduction for each day of unauthorized absence is based on the current annual salary divided by the number of teacher workdays in the official school calendar as adopted by the Board. In no case will only the salary of the substitute be deducted or a teacher be allowed to employ and pay for the substitute.

When an employee is absent from duty and there is no leave applicable, the absence is unauthorized. The salary deduction for an unauthorized absence is made on a per diem basis in accordance with the required work year for that particular job classification.

Unauthorized absences are not condoned. Repeated unauthorized absences may result in the employee being disciplined.

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CROSS REFS.: DK, Payment Procedures GCBD, Certified Staff Leaves and Absences

CONTRACT REFS.: Teachers' Negotiated Agreement Classified Staff Negotiated Agreement

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

District personnel who incur expenses in carrying out their authorized duties are reimbursed by the District upon submission of a properly filled out and approved voucher with supporting receipts required by administrative regulations. Expenses may be approved and incurred within the limits of budgetary allocations for the specific type of expense.

When official travel by a personally owned vehicle is authorized, mileage payment is made at the rate currently approved by the Board and within the limitations of Federal law.

The Board prohibits employees and Board members from accepting, soliciting or using the authority or influence of his/her position to secure, for personal travel, a discounted or "frequent flyer" airline ticket or other benefit from an airline if he/she has obtained or earned the ticket on official travel. Any miles earned become the property of the District and must be used for future official travel by District employees or the Board.

A traveler on official school business is expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses as a prudent person exercises in traveling on personal business. Excessive costs, such as those caused by circuitous routes or luxury services or accommodations, are not considered prudent, nor are they accepted for reimbursement.

[Adoption date: March 10, 2016]

LEGAL REFS.:	ORC	2921.42; 2921.43
		3313.12; 3313.20
		3315.15

CROSS REFS.: BHD, Board Member Compensation and Expenses GCL, Certified Staff Development Opportunities

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

All expenses must have prior approval from the Superintendent/designee. The following regulations apply to travel and other types of reimbursable expenses directly related to the performance of District business.

- 1. <u>Travel Requests</u>: These must be submitted in advance through the appropriate administrators to the Superintendent/designee 15 days in advance using the approved District form. An estimate of all expense reimbursement expenditures must receive prior approval
- 2. <u>Transportation</u>: All modes of transportation are authorized consistent with the requirements of the assignment and the efficient and economic conduct of official business. Travel is by the most direct route.
 - A. Automobile: Reimbursement is made at the IRS rate. This is the maximum rate regardless of the number of passengers. Parking charges, as well as toll and ferry charges, are reimbursable. When appropriate, if two or more District employees attend the same event, they will be expected to carpool.
 - B. Travel by Public Conveyance: Round-trip tickets should be purchased if these offer a price advantage. Approval is for coach fare only. Upon travel completion, the ticket receipt must be submitted to the Treasurer's office.
 - C. Local Transportation: Local transportation such as taxicabs, airport limousines and buses should be used when justified.
 - D. Car Rentals: Rental cars must be approved by the Superintendent.
- 3. Subsistence
 - A. Lodging: Any person on official District business who must secure lodging in connection with that business is entitled to reimbursement for the cost of a single room up to \$200/day. When appropriate, two or more District employees attending the same event will be expected to share lodging. The Superintendent must preapprove all exceptions. Hotel accommodations required to be processed through the conference sponsor will be made in accordance with the sponsor's requirements. The District is exempt from paying state sales tax but will reimburse for occupancy/bed tax and city tax. A requisition must be completed in accordance with Board policy if the accommodations are to be paid by the District to the hotel directly.

B. Meals: Meals consumed by a person on official business may be reimbursed upon submission of appropriate itemized receipts when prior approval is received from the Superintendent and in the amount approved.

4. Other Reimbursable Expenses

- A. Telephone and Postage: Telephone toll calls from or to the District must be charged to the District office, thereby eliminating a claim on an expense voucher. Calls other than from or to the District should be charged whenever possible to the District. If an expense for telephone, postage or certified or registered mail must be paid in cash, the claim may be made on an expense voucher as a "miscellaneous expense." An explanation must be given, such as the origin and destination of the call. A receipt should be obtained.
- B. Conference Registration Fees: Conference and convention registration fees are reimbursable as a miscellaneous expense on the travel expense voucher. Registration fees may be requested for advance payment to the agency by separate purchase order prior to the event.
- C. Gratuities: Staff members may be reimbursed with bona fide documentation for gratuities for any meals while on professional leave in the performance of their duties within the limits of prior approved meal reimbursements.

5. Travel Form and Receipts

Reimbursement for expenses is obtained by submitting an expense voucher after the expense was incurred.

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DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS (Cash Collection Points)

State law requires a proper receipting and depositing of all public monies. Therefore, all monies collected are receipted, accounted for and deposited in accordance with State law and all District policies and procedures.

The Board directs the Treasurer to develop, distribute and implement procedures for cash collection points in the District. Currently identified cash collection points include admission fees to athletic events, lunchroom sales, classroom fees, student activities/fundraisers, concession sales and miscellaneous money received by the Treasurer's Office.

In developing the procedures, the Treasurer must consider the following:

- 1. Segregation of duties for receipting, depositing, recording and reporting of cash.
- 2. Required documentation for cash drawer withdrawals and deposits and reconciliations, including documentation of cash shortages or overages and procedures for denomination exchanges. Cash drawers are only used for collecting sales receipts; no purchases or expenses may be paid from cash drawers.
- 3. Separate bank deposits for start-up cash withdrawals ensuring the start-up cash is kept separate from other receipts.
- 4. Ticket sale collection requirements including but not limited to documentation of various prices and any complimentary admission procedures and reconciliation of unsold tickets.
- 5. Compliance with audit requirements, including but not limited to, compliance with the Uniform School Account System requirements.

Individuals receiving money at cash collection points are responsible for reviewing and complying with all procedures for cash collection points and are responsible for the safekeeping of money until the money is deposited.

If the money collected:

- 1. exceeds \$1,000, it must be deposited on the next business day after the day of receipt or
- 2. does not exceed \$1,000, it must be deposited no more than three business days following the day of receipt.

The Treasurer has established provisions for the safeguarding of cash until it can be deposited with the Treasurer and/or bank, including provisions for making bank deposits after regular banking hours. Money should be secured in a locked desk, file cabinet, safe or other secure room on school property until it can be deposited.

Cash Acceptance at School Events

In accordance with State law, the District provides for cash payment options for tickets to school-affiliated events including an athletic event, play, musical, or other school-related event or activity that the District conducts, sponsors, or participates in and for which the District charges admission to attend. These requirements do not apply to any event or activity conducted in a public facility leased by a professional sports team or a privately owned facility. If the District does not accept cash payment from an individual who wishes to purchase a ticket using cash, the District must provide a free ticket if there are still tickets available and the individual demonstrates that they have the cash to pay for the full cost of the ticket.

If concession sales are offered during the event, at least one location (including one on each floor if sold on multiple floors) accepts cash payments.

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CROSS REFS.: DH, Bonded Employees and Officers DJB, Petty Cash Accounts EF/EFB, Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services IGDG, Student Activities Funds Management KMA, Relations with Parent Organizations KMB, Relations with Booster Organizations

SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSAL

The Board may dispose of its real and personal property in consultation with the Superintendent and in accordance with State and/or Federal law. Property and goods purchased with federal funds are subject to the disposal requirements outlined in the Uniform Guidance issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Real Property and "Unused School Facilities"

When the Board decides to dispose of its real property, the Board first offers such property for sale to the governing authorities of community schools, the board of trustees of any college-preparatory boarding schools, and the governing bodies of any STEM and STEAM schools that are located within the territory of the District. The Board also offers these entities the opportunity to purchase or lease any "unused school facility" as defined in Ohio Revised Code RC 3313.411.

The Board gives priority to the governing authorities of high-performing community schools that are located within the territory of the District. If more than one governing authority of a high-performing community school notifies the Treasurer of its interest in purchasing or leasing the property, the Board conducts a public auction, in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law. Only the governing authorities of high-performing community schools that notified the Treasurer are eligible to bid at the auction.

If no high-performing community school notifies the Treasurer of its interest in purchasing or leasing the property within 60 days, the Board then considers offers from other start-up community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, STEM and STEAM schools located within the territory of the District. If more than one such entity notifies the Treasurer of its interest in purchasing or leasing the property, the Board conducts a public auction in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law. Only the entities that notified the Treasurer are eligible to bid at the auction.

If no community school, college-preparatory boarding school, STEM or STEAM school notifies the Treasurer of its interest in purchasing or leasing the property, the Board may sell the property at a public auction in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law.

If the property is not purchased at a public auction, the Board may sell the property at a private sale or may trade or donate the property in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law.

Personal Property Valued at Over \$10,000

The Superintendent determines the method for appraising the property to determine whether the value of the property exceeds \$10,000.

When the Board decides to dispose of personal property that is valued at over \$10,000, the Board may sell the property at a public auction in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law.

If the property is not purchased at a public auction, the Board may sell the property at a private sale or may trade or donate the property in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law.

Personal Property Valued at Less Than \$10,000

The Superintendent determines the method for appraising the property to determine whether the value of the property exceeds \$10,000.

When the Board decides to dispose of personal property that is valued at \$10,000 or less, the Board may sell the property at a private sale or may trade or donate the property in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law.

Donations

The Superintendent determines the method for appraising the property to determine whether the value of the property exceeds \$2,500.

When the Board decides to dispose of personal property that is valued at \$2,500 or less, the Board may donate the property to certain civic and charitable organizations in accordance with the procedures set forth in State law.

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CROSS REF.: **DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds** FL, Retirement of Facilities