

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Bibb County School District

FROM: Jamie Cassady, Superintendent of Student Affairs
Canon B. Hill, Jones Cork, LLP

SUBJECT: KC - Board-Community Relations (**First Reading**)

Summary

The District is presenting Policy KC, Board-Community Relations, for first reading.

Background

Policy KC, Board-Community Relations, is updated to set forth the Board's expectations on communicating with community members. The revised policy also provides that the Board and the Superintendent or his or her designee will work together to identify appropriate protocols for addressing and engaging with community members. A review of other school district policies found that Policy KC generally addresses Board communications with community members. The provisions being removed from Policy KC that address use of community facilities or the use of religious facilities for school functions is addressed through District protocol. Policy KEAA, Community Activities and Performances by Students, also addresses students engaging in events at community functions or religious facilities.

Recommendation

The District will post Policy KC, Board-Community Relations, on Simbli to receive input from the Board members and stakeholders for 30 days. The policies will be brought to the next board meeting for second and final Board adoption and approval.

Superintendent's Approval:

Superintendent's Signature	Approve/Disapprove
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved

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Descriptor Term: KC
Date: XXXXXX XX, 2023

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~~there may be occasions in which school facilities are not adequate in with size, location, or design to meet the needs of a particular school function. It thus may be necessary to seek the use of facilities within the community to satisfy the demands of a specific event. Requests to hold functions at community facilities will be decided on a case-by-case basis and shall be submitted at least two weeks before the event to the Superintendent or his or her designee. The School District appreciates and thanks the community organizations that have graciously opened their doors for use by the schools.~~

~~The School District must be sure to respect the First Amendment rights of its students and avoid entanglement between it and religious organizations. Prior to holding any school function at a religious facility, the principal of the school must seek and receive approval from the Superintendent.~~

~~In determining whether a school function may be held at a religious facility, the Superintendent will establish a regulation that provides clear guidelines for the use of a religious facility.~~

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