

REGULATION
Staff Political Activities

Descriptor Term: GAHB-R(1)
Date: XXXXXX XX, 2024

The Bibb County School District ("District") recognizes that its employees have the responsibility to uphold the public trust and that an employee's political involvement must not interfere with or conflict with the employee's job.

A. Definitions

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1. "Employees" means all individuals employed by the District.
2. "School Facilities" means all facilities, grounds, vehicles, property, and athletic areas owned by the District.
3. "Equipment" means all physical and electronic resources purchased by or donated to the District. Examples of equipment include, but are not limited to, copy machines, paper, telephones, computer systems, computer programs, email systems, electronic devices, and internet services.

A.B. Employee Participation and Political Activities

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The Superintendent has authorized the following guidelines with regard to the rights and privileges of employees to participate in political activities:

1. An Time during normal working hours may not be used for campaigning or for the promotion of political candidates unless the employee is on personal leave. employee is not authorized to take any leave for political purposes pursuant to Policy GAHB.

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2. Employees are prohibited from using District equipment for campaigning or for the promotion of a political candidate.

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3. Employees are prohibited from soliciting or attempting to coerce votes or anything of value from anyone in support of or in opposition to a candidate for public office at any District school or facility of Bibb County School District (District).

4. EAn employees should not use time during the normal work dayworkday for campaigning or for the promotion of a political candidate unless the employee is on approved personal leave.

5. School sponsored functions that involve an employee or Board member as a qualified candidate for an elected office should not be structured in such a

manner as to provide the employee or Board member an advantage over other candidates.

~~4-6.~~ Schools ~~and, facilities~~ ~~facilities or district-owned equipment~~ ~~are~~ should not be used to promote an employee who is a political candidate, unless the employee is on ~~approved personal leave~~ ~~or it is after work hours.~~ ~~And~~ the use of ~~any~~ the school ~~or, facility~~ ~~or equipment~~ ~~complies~~ must comply with Board Policy KG, Use of School Facilities, and ~~R~~its regulation ~~(KG-R(1))~~.

~~5-7.~~ Employees should not attempt to use their position or authority as an employee of the District to exert political pressure on behalf or against a candidate for an elected political office.

8. Employees should not display any political billboards, pictures, signs, posters, badges, buttons, or other political advertisement at any school, facility or on their person during normal business hours or while performing job duties.

~~6-9.~~ Employees may place political advertisements on their vehicles, which are driven and parked on District property if the political advertisement does not disrupt the orderly operation of the school, interfere with the work of school officials, or with school programs or instruction.

~~7-10.~~ Employees should not solicit or conspire with others to violate Policy GAHB ~~or this regulation~~.

~~8-11.~~ Political activities within the instructional programs are not prohibited under Policy GAHB. Employees may participate in mock elections, including the displaying of campaign materials, in compliance with the Georgia Standards for Excellence.

~~9-11.~~ Employees may place political advertisements on their vehicles, which are driven and parked on district property as long as the political advertisement does not disrupt the orderly operation of the school, interfere with the work of school officials, or with school programs or instruction.

11. If an employee fails to adhere to the guidelines referenced herein, the employee could be subject to disciplinary consequences.

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