

BAB SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: Rescind policy BAB because it is duplicative and creates legal vulnerabilities for the Board.

Reasoning: The B Policy Review Committee met on May 23, 2024 at 10:00 for review and discussion of BAB. The committee determined that the current policy requires the board to take and engage in actions that would create legal liability. For example, there is language under Board Responsibilities requiring the board to approve district actions and oversee, develop, and implement board policies. It would be more correct to say that the board evaluates district actions and approves some and rejects some. The board does not oversee policies or implement policies. Those are the superintendent's responsibilities. Another provision says that the board shall oversee legal compliance programs and procedures. Although, the board considers and approves policies that encourage legal compliance, the board does not actually oversee compliance programs and procedures

Furthermore, most of the language in this policy can be found in other policies to include the following:

BH: Code of Ethics - includes BOE roles and responsibilities outlined in domains related to governance structure, strategic plan, BOE and community relations, Board Meetings, financial governance, conduct, code of ethics, training, code of ethics and conflicts of interest and board member qualities.

BC: Board meetings – addresses Board Meetings and Annual Retreat and the Board Calendar

BBI: Board/Staff Relations – addresses Board Contact with Operations and Management

BBE and BBF – both partially address Board Advisors

BHA: addresses Board Member Conflict of Interest

CA: Goals and Objectives - speaks to the Board ensuring the development of a strategic plan

CEI: specifically addresses superintendent evaluations

For these reasons, the Committee recommends rescission of Board Policy BAB: Board Governance.