

# CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET

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Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

### **Board Policy 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 820, 2020)** which adds, until July 1, 2024, an exception to the requirement that boards appoint an advisory committee for the sale or lease of district-owned property if the property has not operated as an early childhood education facility or for elementary or secondary instruction, and **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which authorizes, until July 1, 2024, the proceeds from the sale or lease of property purchased entirely with local funds to be used for any one-time general fund purpose if certain conditions are met. Policy also adds material regarding the authorization for boards to meet in closed session with real property negotiators, the requirement to notify the Office of Public School Construction within 90 days if the district sells property that utilized funds received from a state school facilities program within the previous 10 years and the proceeds were not used for specified purposes, and conditions under which the State Allocation Board may require a return of the funds.

### **Board Policy 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance**

Policy updated to address the basis upon which insurance decisions should be made and the provision of safety-related training and protective equipment for staff. Policy also updated to delete material regarding the removal of an insurance agent as being implicit in a governing board's authority and explicit in insurance contracts. Timeline for reporting to the board on risk management activities revised from twice a year to periodically to give boards flexibility based on district need.

### **Board Policy 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2020, No. 10)** which requires districts to provide employees with access to the district's injury and illness prevention program, and to add the prohibition against discharging or discriminating against an employee for exercising any right protected by the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

### **Board Policy 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy**

Policy updated to designate the attendance supervisor as the person responsible for performing various assignments related to absence and truancy; reflect a tiered approach for reducing chronic absence which includes universal strategies and letters to parents/guardians; expand material regarding early intervention; add the provision of training and information to staff for the implementation of a trauma-informed approach to chronic absence; reflect chronic absence as a measure of district and school performance on the California School Dashboard; and add grade level to the list of specific data to be provided to the board regarding attendance, absence, and truancy.

### **Board Policy 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 820, 2020)** which revises the definition of "technology-based materials" to include the electronic equipment required to make use of those materials, making such equipment subject to the determination of sufficiency. Policy also deletes unnecessary legal citations related to the State Board of Education's (SBE) adoption of academic standards, deletes section on "Review Process" which was moved to the AR, deletes option in regard to public hearings on the sufficiency of textbooks and other instructional materials for schools that operate on a multitrack year-round calendar since such schools can use the same language as those that operate on a traditional calendar, and adds references to sample board policy and regulations for complaints concerning instructional materials.

### **Exhibit(1) 9323.2 - Actions by the Board**

Exhibit updated to clarify items under "Actions Requiring a Two-Thirds Vote of the Board" and "Actions Requiring a Four-Fifths Vote of the Board" regarding emergency facilities conditions as only applying to districts that have adopted the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act procedures. Item regarding the expenditure and transfer of funds or use of district property or personnel to meet a national or local emergency created by war moved from "Actions Requiring a Four-Fifths Vote of the Board" to "Action Requiring a Four-Fifths Vote of the Board Members Present at the Meeting" to more accurately reflect law.