



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT

DATE: December 2, 2020
FROM: Directors Harris and Rivera-Smith

For Introduction: December 2, 2020
For Action: December 2, 2020

1. TITLE

Amendment 1 to Amending Board Policy No. 6010, School Funding Model

2. PURPOSE

The proposed amendment was discussed during the November 9, 2020 Audit & Finance Committee meeting and discussed during the November 18, 2020 Regular Board meeting and is intended to clarify portions of the proposed Policy 6010 and to include the appointment of a Board member to serve as an Ex Officio member of the School Funding/WSS Committee.

3. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board approve Amendment 1 to the Board Action Report titled Amending Board Policy No. 6010, School Funding Model, and substitute Board Policy No. 6010 as attached to the amendment. To the extent the attached substitute policy conflicts with the information presented in the underlying Board Action Report titled Amending Board Policy No. 6010, School Funding Model, the substitute policy shall control. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- a. **Background** Neither the make-up and structure of the School Funding/WSS Committee nor the Superintendent Procedures have been codified, resulting in a less than transparent and collaborative process. This amendment is intended to clarify the committee structure of the School Funding/WSS Committee, to appoint a School Board member as an Ex Officio member to the committee, and to provide for enhanced collaboration on these important and complicated decisions.
- b. **Alternatives** N/A
- c. **Research** N/A

5. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

Fiscal impact to this action will be N/A.

The revenue source for this motion is N/A.

Expenditure: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

Revenue: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

With guidance from the District’s Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

The amendment was discussed in publicly noticed Audit and Finance and Regular Board meetings.

7. EQUITY ANALYSIS

N/A, except that diversity of the Committee has been enhanced.

8. STUDENT BENEFIT

School funding and equity of distribution of scarce resources and equity tiering per school is at the very heart of our students’ education and opportunities.

9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)

Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)

Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy

Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract

Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter

Board Policy No. _____, [TITLE], provides the Board shall approve this item

Other: _____

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

This action would revise the motion amending Board Policy No. 6010.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION


The reason for this amendment was discussed during the November 9, 2020 Audit & Finance Committee meeting and November 18, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

If approved, this amendment will immediately take effect with regard to the underlying motion.

13. ATTACHMENTS

- Board Policy No. 6010, School Funding Model – clean (for approval)
- Board Policy No. 6010, School Funding Model – tracked changes comparison to the version attached to the Board Action Report titled “Amending Board Policy No. 6010, School Funding Model” (for reference)

	<p>SCHOOL FUNDING MODEL</p>	<p>Policy No. 6010</p> <p>DATE</p> <p>Page 1 of 2</p>
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1. Provide the basic staffing for school – adjusted for substantive size differential considering non-instructional costs;
2. Result in a transparent school funding model that schools, families, and community members can understand;
3. Provide the core staffing needed for schools to focus on academic issues;
4. Based on data, provide personnel differentially to schools on the basis of student characteristics, including poverty, bilingual, special education, highly capable, and academic performance levels;
5. Align resources with funding requirements, state and federal grant requirements, and contractual obligations;
6. Align staff adjustments with changing student populations and school level administrative duties;
7. Invest more resources in early learning (K-3);
8. Assure diversity in departments and representation of staff on the School Funding/WSS Committee appointments and includes labor partners;
9. Include a member of the Seattle School Board to be appointed by the President as an *Ex Officio* member; and
10. Provide continuity of programs by attempting to retain core staff levels from year-to-year.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures or administrative guidelines to support the implementation of this policy and Committee.

Adopted: February 2012
Revised: MONTH 2020; September 2014
Cross Reference: Policy Nos. 0030, 6000
Related Superintendent Procedure:
Previous Policies: G11.00
Legal References: RCW 28A.505, School Districts' Budgets
Management Resources:

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