



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT

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For Introduction: February 13, 2018
For Action: March 7, 2018

1. TITLE

Waiving the requirement for four oversight work sessions for school year 2017-18 found within Board Policy No. 1010, Board Oversight of Management

2. PURPOSE

This action would waive the requirement in Policy No. 1010 for a minimum of four oversight work sessions for the school year 2017-18. Two Board oversight sessions would be held in 2017-18, but the remaining time would be spent on pressing priorities.

3. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Board waive the requirement found in Policy No. 1010, Board Oversight of Management, for a minimum of four oversight work sessions in the school year 2017-18.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

a. Background

Board Policy No. 1010, Board Oversight of Management, prescribes a certain frequency and format to Board oversight work sessions, in which department staff present specific information to the Board. These presentations offer a chance for the Board to review the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing each department and perform an informal risk management analysis. The policy calls for a minimum of four oversight work sessions each year, with each division area coming before the Board at least every three years. It specifically requires the Board to review the Finance and Human Resources divisions each year.

Due to a confluence of major topics facing the School Board and the District in the coming months, the School Board work session calendar has many competing priorities. In the last two school years, the Board has held dozens of oversight work sessions; every department has been reviewed in the previous three years, as required by Policy No. 1010. If this waiver is approved, it would allow the Board to focus its time on other more pressing projects. The Board would still conduct oversight work sessions on Finance and Human Resources this spring.

b. **Alternatives**

Do not approve this waiver. This would mean less time could be spent addressing other topics of interest to the Board.

c. **Research**

None

5. **FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to this action.

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

7. **EQUITY ANALYSIS**

This motion was not put through a formal racial equity analysis.

8. **STUDENT BENEFIT**

Students will benefit by the Board focusing its time on the projects and priorities it deems most important to advancing the practices of the District that support student learning.

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: Waiving Board Policy requires Board approval

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

Policy No. 1010 is implicated in this action for the reasons stated above.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on February 8, 2018. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved the item forward with a recommendation for approval by the full Board.

12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval of this motion, the requirement will be waived for the 2017-18 school year.

13. ATTACHMENTS

- None