



POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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**HILLIARD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

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SUMMARY

This committee meets quarterly each school year. One of the objectives of this committee is to study each issue thoroughly making sure we have appropriate policies that reflect the mission and vision of the Hilliard City School District.

All proposed new policies, revisions of current policies or rescinding of a current policy are reviewed by the Policy Review Committee before being presented to the Superintendent for submission to the Board of Education. Two readings at two separate meetings shall normally be required before a new or revised policy may be adopted. Action to adopt will take place at a subsequent third meeting. However, the Board does have the option of voting for adoption at the second meeting.

The following is a brief overview of the issues discussed at the meeting on Friday, March 10, 2017 and the committee's recommendations.

Policies/Regulations/Exhibits Reviewed and Recommended for Board Adoption

1. DJC – Bidding Requirements

In general under existing law, when a board elects to build, repair, enlarge, improve or demolish any school building, the cost of which would exceed \$25,000, the board must engage in the competitive bidding process. There are certain exceptions, including cases of urgent necessity, the security and protection of school property or other special circumstances for which competitive bidding is not required.

SB 3 increased this threshold prescribed in RC 3313.46 from \$25,000 to \$50,000. When managing purchasing, also remember to ensure compliance with federal bidding thresholds for purchases made with federal funds, which may not line up with state thresholds.

2. EFG – Wellness

The Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 requires a wellness policy. This act was bolstered by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Each school district participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or National School Breakfast Program is required to develop a wellness policy at the local level.

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On July 29, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) finalized regulations expanding the existing wellness plan requirements to strengthen local policies and increase transparency. Districts must fully comply with the requirements by June 30.

Thanks to Debbie Youngblood's work last school year, all we need to add to our wellness policy is a statement about notifying the public and the plan is assessed at least once every three years.

3. JED-E – Family Trip Application

By Board Policy JHCCB – Tuberculosis Control Policy, we require any student who has spend one month (32 days) or more days in a high-risk TB country to have a tuberculin skin test. Due to this requirement, our Student Support Services team requested that we add this information to our family trip application.

4. JED – Student Absences and Excuses
5. JEDA - Truancy
6. JF – Students Rights and Responsibilities
7. JG – Student Discipline
8. JGD – Student Suspension
9. JGE – Student Expulsion

House Bill (HB) 410 made several significant changes effective with the 2017-2018 school year to district obligations for working with students who are truant. It also made changes to student discipline.

Truancy

Under the revised law, the term "chronic truant" has been removed. The term "habitual truant" still is used, and the definition has been updated, removing references to "days" and replacing them with "hours." Under the revised definition, a habitual truant is defined as "any child of compulsory school age who is absent without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in one school month or 72 or more hours in a school year," (Ohio Revised Code (RC) 2151.011(B)(18)).

Within 10 days after a student surpasses the threshold for a habitual truant, the district must assign the student to an absence intervention team.

RC 3321.16 outlines requirements for the district filing a complaint against a child in court. Under the revised requirements, the district's attendance officer must file a complaint against a student in juvenile court on the 61st day after the implementation of an absence intervention plan or other strategy when:

- the student was absent without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in one school month or 72 or more hours in a school year;
- the district or school has made meaningful attempts to re-engage the student through the absence intervention plan, other intervention strategies and any offered alternatives to adjudication;
- the student has refused to participate in or failed to make satisfactory progress on the plan, as determined by the absence intervention team, or any offered intervention strategies or alternative to adjudication.

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HB 410 also added new reporting requirements. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, districts must report to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE):

- when a student has been absent for 38 or more hours in one school month or 65 or more hours in a school year, and the school district sends notice of that fact to the student's parent, guardian or custodian;
- when a child of compulsory school age has been absent without legitimate excuse the requisite number of hours to classify that child as a habitual truant;
- when a child has been adjudicated as an unruly child for being a habitual truant violates the court order for that adjudication;
- when an absence intervention plan has been implemented for a child.

Student discipline

Beginning with the bill's effective date in April, districts can no longer extend an out-of-school suspension into the next school year if there are less than 10 days left in the current school year (RC 3313.66). The superintendent instead may require the student to participate in a community service program or other alternative consequence for the number of hours equal to the remaining portion of the suspension period.

HB 410 also added RC 3313.668, which states that beginning July 1 no school district or school can suspend, expel or remove a student from school under RC 3313.66 based solely on the student's absence from school without legitimate excuse.

10. JN – Student Fees, Fines and Charges

The proposed change adds waiving extracurricular participation fees for students approved for free lunch and waiving 50% of extracurricular participation fees for students approved for reduced-price lunch.

Policies/Regulations/Exhibits Reviewed – Updating Legal/Cross References – Does not Require Board Action

1. JFC – Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)

Ohio Revised Code 3313.534 requires districts to adopt a policy of zero tolerance for certain actions. HB 410 removes "excessive truancy." There are no required policy changes.

2. KJ – Advertising in the Schools

Policies should allow the marketing and advertising of only food and beverage meeting the Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards. For purposes of the rule, marketing means advertising or other promotions in schools. This rule does not require the immediate replacement of items that market noncompliant products or logos, but as new contracts are considered, the district's replacement and purchasing decisions should reflect the marketing guidelines set forth in the wellness policy. No policy updates are needed.

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Legislative Update

(OSBA's Bill Tracker – 132nd General Assembly – 2017-2018)

HB 8 **Records Exemption**

Introduced: 02/01/2017

Status: Pending in House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

Summary: To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident.

HB 15 **Automatic Voter Registration**

Introduced: 02/01/2017

Status: Pending in House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

Summary: To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system.

HB 21 **Community Schools**

Introduced: 02/01/2017

Status: Pending in House Education and Career Readiness Committee

Summary: Regarding verification of community school enrollments.

HB 37 **School Safety Structures**

Introduced: 02/01/2017

Status: Pending in House Education and Career Readiness Committee

Summary: To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

HB 47 **Extracurricular Activities – Students in Military**

Introduced: 02/08/2017

Status: Pending in House Education and Career Readiness Committee

Summary: To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges.

HB 49 **Biennial Budget**

Introduced: 02/08/2017

Status: Pending in House Finance Committee

Summary: To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

HB 58 **Cursive Handwriting**

Introduced: 02/13/2017

Status: Pending in House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

Summary: To require instruction in cursive handwriting.

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HB 80 Provide Food Service for School Summer Intervention Services

Introduced: 02/22/2017

Status: Pending in House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

Summary: To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

HB 87 Community School Public Moneys

Introduced: 02/22/2017

Status: Pending in House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

Summary: Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school.

HB 89 August Sales Tax Holiday

Introduced: 02/22/2017

Status: Pending in House Ways & Means Committee

Summary: To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

HB 98 Career Information

Introduced: 02/27/2017

Status: Pending in House Education and Career Readiness Committee

Summary: Regarding the presentation of career information to students.

HB 102 School Funding Reform

Introduced: 03/01/2017

Status: Pending in House Finance Committee

Summary: To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another.

HB 108 Informed Student Document Act

Introduced: 03/07/2017

Status: This bill is not currently pending any committee or action.

Summary: To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of

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higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act."

HB 110 **College Credit Apprenticeships**

Introduced: 03/07/2017

Status: This bill is not currently pending any committee or action.

Summary: To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs.

SB 3 **Workforce Development**

Introduced: 02/01/2017

Status: Pending Senate Education Committee

Summary: To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

SB 8 **School Infrastructure and Technology**

Introduced: 01/31/2017

Status: Pending Senate Education Committee

Summary: To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security.

SB 9 **August Tax Holiday**

Introduced: 01/31/2017

Status: Passed Senate. Pending House Ways & Means Committee.

Summary: To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

SB 34 **School Years**

Introduced: 02/06/2017

Status: Passed Senate Education Committee

Summary: To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day.

SB 36 **Agricultural Land**

Introduced: 02/07/2017

Status: Passed Senate Ways and Means Committee

Summary: To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type.

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SB 39 Community School Operation

Introduced: 02/08/2017

Status: Passed Senate Education Committee

Summary: Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools.

SB 54 Summer Food Programs

Introduced: 02/14/2017

Status: Passed Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Summary: To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions.

SB 82 School Absences – Parental Notification

Introduced: 03/02/2017

Status: Passed Senate Education Committee

Summary: To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse.

SB 85 School Absences – Parental Notification

Introduced: 03/02/2017

Status: Passed Senate Education Committee

Summary: To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program.