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Goals

Since educational programs are dependent on adequate funding and the proper management of those funds, District goals can best be attained through efficient fiscal management. As trustee of local, state and federal funds allocated for use in public education, the Board shall fulfill its responsibility to see that funds are used to achieve the purposes intended.

Because of resource limitations, fiscal concerns often overshadow the educational program. Recognizing this, the District must take specific action to ensure that education remains primary. This concept shall be incorporated into Board operations and into all aspects of District management and operation.

In the District's fiscal management, the Board seeks to achieve the following goals:

1. Engage in advance planning, with staff and community involvement, to develop budgets that will achieve the greatest educational returns in relation to dollars expended.
2. Establish levels of funding which shall provide superior education for the District's students.
3. Provide timely and appropriate information to staff who have fiscal responsibilities.
4. Establish efficient procedures in all areas of fiscal management.

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Budget and Program Planning

The annual budget is evidence of the Board's commitment to the objectives of the instruction programs. The budget supports the immediate and long-range goals and established priorities within all areas, instructional, non-instructional and administrative programs.

Prior to presentation of the proposed budget for adoption, the Superintendent shall prepare, for the Board's consideration, recommendations (with supporting documentation) which shall be designed to meet the needs of students within the limits of anticipated revenues.

Program planning and budget development shall provide for staff participation and the sharing of information with patrons prior to action by the Board.

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Budget Adjustments

Any person(s) proposing a budget amendment must provide written notice of the same to each board member at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting at which such budget amendment will be proposed.

Prior to the final vote on a budget amendment proposal, notice shall be posted and published once in the manner prescribed by Idaho law. The meeting to adopt a budget amendment shall be open and shall provide opportunity for any taxpayer to appear and be heard. Budget procedures shall be consistent with statutory requirements.

With timely notice of a public meeting, trustees, by sixty percent (60%) of the members of the Board of Trustees, may declare by resolution that a budget amendment is necessary to reflect the availability of funds and the requirements of the District. Budget amendments are specifically authorized by I.C. § 33-701.

Revenue derived from maintenance and operation levies made pursuant to I.C. § 33-802(2) are excluded from budget adjustments.

Budget amendments shall be submitted to the state superintendent of public instruction.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-701 Fiscal year – Payment and accounting of funds

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Revenues

The District will seek and utilize all available sources of revenue for financing its educational programs. This includes revenues from non-tax, local, state and federal sources. All revenues received for the District will be properly credited to the appropriate fund and account as specified by federal and state statute and the accounting and reporting regulations for Idaho school districts.

The District will collect and deposit all direct receipts of revenues as necessary but at least once monthly. The District will make an effort to collect all revenues due from all sources, including, but not limited to, rental fees, bus fees, fines, tuition fees, other fees and charges.

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Budget Implementation and Execution

Purpose

It is the Board's intent to direct prompt payment of bills but at the same time to ensure that due care has been taken in the review of district bills.

Once adopted by the Board, the operating budget shall be administered by the Superintendent and his/her designees. All actions of the Superintendent/designees in executing the programs and/or activities delineated in that budget are authorized according to these provisions:

1. Expenditure of funds for the employment and assignment of staff shall meet the legal requirements of the State of Idaho and adopted Board policies.
2. Funds held for contingencies may not be expended without approval from the Board.
3. A listing of warrants describing goods and/or services for which payment has been made must be presented for Board approval each month.
4. Purchases shall be made according to the legal requirements of the State of Idaho and adopted Board policy.
5. Each bill or obligation of this district must be fully itemized, verified and approved by the Board before a check can be drawn for its payment, except that the Board Secretary is permitted to draw payment orders for:
 - a. The prompt payment of items that will accrue to the district's advantage.
 - b. Progress payments to contractors specified in a contract approved by the Board.
 - c. Utility bills such as electric, phone, natural gas, water, sewer, etc.
 - d. Insurance premiums.
 - e. Other payments authorized by the Board. Such payments will be ratified by the Board at its next regular meeting.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-701 et seq. Fiscal Affairs of School District

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Purchasing

Authorization and Control

The Superintendent is authorized to direct expenditures and purchases within the limits of the detailed annual budget for the school year. Board approval for purchase of capital outlay items is required when the aggregate total of a requisition exceeds \$5000.00, except the Superintendent shall have the authority to make capital outlay purchases without advance approval when it is necessary to protect the interests of the District or the health and safety of the staff or students. The Superintendent shall establish requisition and purchase order procedures as a means of controlling and maintaining proper accounting of the expenditure of funds. Staff members shall not obligate the District without express authority. Staff members who obligate the District without proper authorization may be held personally responsible for payment of such obligations.

Bids and Contracts

With the exception of the purchase of curricular materials, whenever the cost of any construction, repair or improvement or the acquisition, purchase or repair of any equipment, or other personal property necessary for the effective operation of the District exceeds Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00), formal bids shall be called for by issuing public notice as specified in statute. Specifications shall be prepared and be made available to all vendors interested in submitting a bid. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, except that the trustees may reject any bid, reject all bids and publish notice for bids once again. If after calling for bids a second time, no satisfactory bid is received, the Board may proceed under its own direction, subject to the approval of the state board of education.

In determining what bid is the lowest responsible bidder, the District will not only take into consideration the amount of the bid, the District will also consider the skill, ability and integrity of a bidder to do faithful and conscientious work and promptly fulfill the contract according to the letter and spirit. References may be contacted.

The Superintendent shall establish bidding and contract awarding procedures.

Cooperative Purchasing

The District may cooperatively enter into contracts with one (1) or more districts to purchase materials necessary or desirable for the conduct of the business of the District.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-601 Real and personal property –
Acquisition, use or disposal of same.
I.C. § 33-402 Notice requirements
I.C. § 33-316 Cooperative contracts to employ specialized
personnel and/or purchase materials

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Accounting System Design

The District accounting system shall be established to present with full disclosure the financial position and results of the financial operations of the District funds and account groups in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The accounting system must be in compliance with the accounting system requirements established by legislative action. The accounting system shall be able to demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

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Documentation and Approval of Claims

All financial obligations and disbursements must be documented in compliance with the statutory provisions and audit guidelines. The documentation will specifically describe acquired goods and/or services, the budget appropriations applicable to payment, and the required approvals. All purchases, encumbrances and obligations, and disbursements must be approved by the administrator designated with the authority, responsibility and control over the budget appropriations. The responsibility for approving these documents should not be delegated.

The District business office will be responsible for the development of the procedures and forms to be used in the requisition, purchase and payment of claims.

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Petty Cash Funds

The use of petty cash funds shall be authorized for specific purchases only. Those purchases will include individual purchases of supplies and materials under the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50), postage, delivery charges, and freight. Individual personal reimbursements which exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50) should not be made from petty cash funds. Petty cash accounts will be maintained as cash on hand, and the total dollar amount of each petty cash account will be limited to One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for elementary schools and school offices and departments.

Each administrator of a school or department with a petty cash fund account may appoint and designate a fund custodian to carry out the bookkeeping and security duties. Monies which are not specifically petty cash monies shall not be co-mingled with the petty cash fund. At the conclusion of each school year, all petty cash funds must be closed out and the petty cash vouchers and cash on hand returned to the business office for processing.

The District business office shall be responsible for establishing the procedures involving the use and management of petty cash funds.

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Advertising in Schools/Revenue Enhancement

Revenue enhancement through a variety of District-wide and District approved marketing activities, including but not limited to advertising, corporate sponsorship, signage, etc., is a Board-approved venture. These opportunities are subject to certain restrictions as approved by the Board in keeping with the contemporary standards of good taste. Such advertising will seek to model and promote positive values for the students of the District through proactive educational messages and not just traditional advertising of a product. Preferred advertising includes messages that encourage student achievement and the establishment of high standards of personal conduct.

All sponsorship contracts will allow the District to terminate the contract at least on an annual basis if it is determined that it will have an adverse impact on implementation of curriculum or the educational experience of students.

The revenue derived should:

1. Enhance student achievement;
2. Assist in the maintenance of existing District athletics and activity programs;
and
3. Provide scholarships for students participating in athletic, academic and activity programs who demonstrate financial need and merit.

Appropriate opportunities for these marketing activities include but are not limited to:

1. Fixed signage
2. Banners
3. District-level publications
4. Television and radio broadcasts
5. Athletic facilities, to include stadiums, high school baseball fields, and high school gymnasiums
6. District level projects
7. Expanded usage of facilities beyond traditional use (i.e., concerts, rallies, etc.)
8. Interior and exterior of a limited number of District buses only if the advertising is associated with student art selected by the District. The only advertising information will note that the student art is sponsored by the participant in the District sponsorship. Maintenance for these buses will include but not exceed normal maintenance costs.
9. Individual school publications (when not in conflict with current contracts)

Advertising will not be allowed in classrooms, and corporate-sponsored curriculum materials are subject to the requirements of Board policy.

The following restrictions will be in place when seeking revenue enhancement. Revenue enhancement activities will not:

1. Promote hostility, disorder or violence
2. Attack ethnic, racial or religious groups
3. Discriminate, demean, harass or ridicule any person or group of persons on the basis of gender
4. Be libelous
5. Inhibit the functioning of the school and/or District
6. Promote, favor or oppose the candidacy of any candidate for election, adoption of any bond/budget issues or any public question submitted at any general, county, municipal or school election
7. Be obscene or pornographic as defined by prevailing community standards throughout the District
8. Promote the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms or certain products that create community concerns
9. Promote any religious or political organization
10. Use any District or school logo without prior approval
11. Use age-inappropriate material.

Exception

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent advertising in publications which are published by student organizations, PTA/PTO, booster club, or other parent groups. Funds received for approved projects involving advertising in said publications may be retained by the school-related group that is sponsoring the activity as a fund-raising event.

Solicitations

Salespersons, representatives, or agents shall not solicit or contact pupils, teachers, or other employees in the school buildings or on school grounds without prior approval.

Cross Reference: 2120 Curriculum Development and Assessment
2309 Library Materials
2311 Curricular Materials

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Personal Reimbursements

While it is recommended that all purchases of goods or services be made within established purchasing procedures, there may be an occasional need for an employee to make a purchase for the benefit of the District from personal funds. In that event, an employee will be reimbursed for a personal purchase under the following criteria:

1. It is clearly demonstrated that the purchase is of benefit to the District.
2. The purchase was made with the prior approval of an authorized administrator.
3. The item purchased was not available from resources within the District.
4. The claim for personal reimbursement is properly accounted for and documented with an invoice/receipt.

The District business office will be responsible for the development of the procedures and forms to be used in processing claims for personal reimbursements.

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Travel Allowances and Expenses

Every District employee and trustee will be reimbursed for travel expenses while traveling outside of the District and engaged in official District business. All travel expenses must be reported on the established travel expense and voucher forms and, for employees, approval must be granted prior to traveling by the Superintendent.

The District business office will be responsible for the development of procedures and forms to be used in connection with travel expense claims and reimbursements.

If the school car is available and the employee opts not to use it, the employee will be responsible for the travel expenses for their vehicle.

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Fund Accounting System

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts. The following funds are maintained by the District:

General M&O Fund
Federal Program Funds
Plant Facility Fund

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-901 et seq. School Funds
I.C. § 33-701 et seq. Fiscal Affairs of School District

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Financial Reporting and Audits

The Board directs that financial reports of all District funds shall be prepared in compliance with statutory provisions and generally accepted accounting and financial reporting standards. In addition to the reports required for local, state, and federal agencies, financial reports will be prepared monthly and annually and presented to the Board. The financial reports shall reflect the financial activity and status of the District funds.

Appropriate interim financial statements and reports of financial position, operating results and other pertinent information will be prepared to facilitate management control of financial operations.

The Board directs that District audits shall be conducted in accordance with Idaho law (I.C. § 67- 450B). Each audit shall be a comprehensive audit of the affairs of the District and the District funds. The audits shall comply with all statutory provisions and generally accepted governmental auditing standards.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-701 Fiscal year – Payment and accounting of funds
I.C. § 67-405B Independent Financial Audits by Government Entities

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Property Records

Property records and inventory records shall be maintained on all land, buildings and physical property under the control of the District. Such records shall be updated annually.

For purpose of this policy, "equipment" shall mean a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus or a set of articles which retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable and does not lose its identity when incorporated into a more complex unit. The Superintendent shall ensure that inventories of equipment are systematically and accurately recorded and are updated annually. Property records of facilities and other fixed assets shall be maintained on an ongoing basis. No equipment shall be removed for personal or non-school use except according to Board policy.

Property records shall show, appropriate to the item recorded, the:

1. description and identification
2. manufacturer
3. date of purchase
4. initial cost
5. location
6. serial number, if available
7. model number, if available

Equipment may be identified with a permanent tag that provides appropriate District and equipment identification.

Cross Reference: 7510 Capitalization Policy for Fixed Assets
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Capitalization Policy for Fixed Assets

A fixed asset is a property that meets all of the following requirements.

1. Must be tangible in nature.
2. Must have a useful life of longer than the current fiscal year.
3. Must be of significant value.

Fixed assets may be acquired through donation, purchase or may be self-constructed. The asset value for donations will be the fair market value at the time of the donation. The asset value, when purchased, will be the initial cost plus the trade-in value of any old asset given up, plus all costs related to placing the asset into operation. The cost of self-constructed assets will include both the materials used and the cost of labor involved in the construction of the asset.

The following significant values will be used for different classes of assets:

Class of Fixed Asset Significant Value

Equipment and machinery \$3500.00 or more

Buildings - Improvements \$3500.00 or more

Improvements other than buildings \$3500.00 or more

Land-Any amount

Cross Reference: 7500 Property Records

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