

## Operational Services

### Purchases and Contracts

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the District's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies.

#### Standards for Purchasing and Contracting

All purchases and contracts shall be entered into in accordance with State law. The Board Attorney shall be consulted as needed regarding the legal requirements for purchases or contracts. All contracts shall be approved or authorized by the Board.

All purchases and contracts should support a recognized District function or purpose as well as provide for good quality products and services at the lowest cost, with consideration for service, reliability, and delivery promptness, and in compliance with State law. No purchase or contract shall be made or entered into as a result of favoritism, extravagance, fraud, or corruption.

Adoption of the annual budget authorizes the Superintendent or designee to purchase budgeted supplies, equipment, and services, provided that State law is followed. Purchases of items outside budget parameters require prior Board approval, except in an emergency.

When presenting a contract or purchase for Board approval, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that it complies with applicable State law, including but not limited to, those specified below:

1. Supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 must comply with the State law bidding procedure, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, unless specifically exempted.
2. Any school or department purchasing commodities or services that total between \$5,000 to \$24,999 must solicit obtain three competitive quotes before any district or school purchase is made. Purchases that are exempt from IL state bidding laws per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21 do not require three competitive quotes.
3. Construction, lease, or purchase of school buildings must comply with State law and Board policy 4:150, *Facility Management and Building Programs*.
4. Guaranteed energy savings must comply with 105 ILCS 5/19b-1 et seq.
5. Third party non-instructional services must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34c.
6. Goods and services that are intended to generate revenue and other remunerations for the District in excess of \$1,000, including without limitation vending machine contracts, sports and other attire, class rings, and photographic services, must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21. The Superintendent or designee shall keep a record of: (1) each vendor, product, or service provided, (2) the actual net revenue and non-monetary remuneration from each contract or agreement, and (3) how the revenue was used and to whom the non-monetary remuneration was distributed. The Superintendent or designee shall report this information to the Board by completing the necessary forms that must be attached to the District's annual budget.
7. The purchase of paper and paper products must comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c and Board policy 4:70, *Resource Conservation*.
8. Each contractor with the District is bound by each of the following:
  - a. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(f): (1) prohibit any of its employees who is or was found guilty of a criminal offense listed in 105 ILCS 5/21B-80 to have direct, daily contact at a District school or school-related activity with one or more student(s); and (2) require each of its employees who will have direct, daily contact with student(s) to

cooperate during the District's fingerprint-based criminal history records check on him or her.

- b. In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/24-5: (1) concerning each employee who begins providing services in the District after June 16, 2014, provide the District with evidence of physical fitness to perform the duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease if the employee will have direct, daily contact with one or more student(s); and (2) require any new or existing employee who has and will have direct, daily contact with one or more student(s) to complete additional health examinations as required by the District and be subject to additional health examinations, including tuberculosis screening, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health rules or order of a local health official.

The Superintendent or designee shall: (1) execute the reporting and website posting mandates in State law concerning District contracts, and (2) monitor the discharge of contracts, contractors' performances, and the quality and value of services or products being provided.

#### Imprest Cash Account and Weekly Run Agenda of Bills

A petty-cash-type checking account (Imprest) shall be maintained by the Business Manager. This account shall not exceed \$10,000 and shall be replenished from District funds.

The Business Manager is authorized to process checks in advance of Board approval for bills allowing cash discounts or coming due before the next Board meeting at which bills are approved. Discounts should be taken when available. The weekly run shall not exceed an aggregate in any month of more than \$60,000.

These accounts can be used to pay the following:

1. All bills allowing cash discounts and coming due before the next Board meeting at which bills are approved.
2. Any small bills as determined by the Business Manager.
3. Obligations due to Workers Compensation Insurance and/or Unemployment Insurance.
4. **Employee and/or Board of Education reimbursements.**

#### Stopping Payment on Checks

The Business Manager shall automatically stop payment on all checks if the check has not cleared the District's bank within 120 calendar days after the date of issuance.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c, 5/10-20.21, 5/10-21.9, 5/10-22.34c, 5/19b-1 et seq., and 5/24-5.  
820 ILCS 130/.

CROSS REF.: 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 4:70 (Resource Conservation), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screening; Notifications)

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