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Board Agenda: Yes ____
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FROM: Jennifer Abbruzzese, Director of Policy & Board Initiatives

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Revisions to A, B, C and E Policies and Regulations

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board’s continuing policy review cycle, ten policies (and implementing regulations) from the classifications were proposed for revision at the January 21, 2021 Work Session.

A Policies: Foundations and Basic Commitments

B Policies: School Board Governance and Operations

C Policies: General School Administration

E Policies: Support Operations

These revisions are primarily driven by changes to the Code of Virginia and Virginia Board of Education regulations. However, some have also been initiated by ACPS to either reflect current practice or the changing needs of the school division. Finally, some have been included to comply with the state of Virginia’s five-year policy review requirement.

The following chart outlines the policy and regulatory revisions. **Revisions to Policy CBA (orange text) reflect feedback from the 1/21/21 Work Session.**

January 21, 2021 Policy Work Session

Light Blue Fill = ≥ 5 Years Since Policy Last Reviewed

Yellow Fill = ACPS-Initiated Revision

White Fill = Statutory/Regulatory/VSBA Revision

Policy/ Reg.	Title	Statute/ Reg./VSBA Revised	ACPS Last Revised	Revision
AC	Nondiscrimination	May 2020	Dec 2019	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3900 and enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-295.2 by SB 898.
AD	Educational Philosophy of the Alexandria City Public Schools	Feb 2018	Dec 2013; discussed further at 11/14/19 work session	Cross References updated. Board Member feedback from the 11/14/19 Work Session requested that policy approval be delayed until after adoption of the 2025 Strategic Plan on 6/26/20.
AE	School Division Goals and Objectives	Feb 2019	Oct 2015; discussed further at 11/14/19 work session	Policy updated; minor text revisions. Board Member feedback from the 11/14/19 Work Session requested that policy approval be delayed until after adoption of the 2025 Strategic Plan on 6/26/20.
BBA	School Board Powers and Duties	May 2020	April 2015	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-79 by HB 351. Legal References and Cross References updated.
BBFA	Conflicts of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests	May 2020	Dec 2019	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3115 by HB 1011. (Revision re: redaction of Board Member email address is located on pg. 12.)
BCF BCF-R	Advisory Committees to the School Board	Feb 2020	June 2016	Policy and regulation updated to clarify that membership limits for standing advisory committees do not apply to ad hoc committees and other committees created

				under Policy BCE; legal references updated.
BDD	Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations	May 2020	May 2019	Policy updated to reflect Acts 2020, c. 1283, § 4-0.01. Legal References updated.
CBA	Qualifications and Duties for the Superintendent	May 2020	Dec 2019	*ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK FROM THE 1/21/21 WORK SESSION. Policy updated to reflect Va. Code § 22.1-70.3 as amended by HB 351/SB 324. Legal References and Cross Reference updated.
CF	School Building Administration	2013	Oct 2015	References updated to reflect current VDOE <i>Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals</i> .
EBCD EBCD-R	Emergency School Closures, Delayed Opening and Early Dismissal Regulations	Feb 2019	March 2020	Titles of policy and regulation changed to be more easily identified as pertaining to essential personnel. Further updated to reflect the current organizational structure of the Department of Facilities and Operations.

BACKGROUND:

The Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:7 and Policy BF require the School Board to maintain and follow up-to-date policies, and that all policies shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the School Board approve the attached policy and regulatory revisions.

IMPACT:

By reviewing policies periodically, the School Board ensures that ACPS operations are aligned to support excellence and high performance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Revisions to A, B, C and E policies and regulations listed above.

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