AGENDA REQUEST FORM THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY ELOPIDA

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Revision to Policy 1100B Lobbyist Activities for Economic Gain

REQUESTED ACTION:

Adopt the revisions to Policy 1100B Lobbyist Activities for Economic Gain at this final reading.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

In December 2009, the School Board approved revisions to Policy 1100B Lobbyist Activities. The revisions were focused on expanding the definition of a lobbyist and including penalties for violating the policy.

Subsequently, the School Board adopted its new Ethics Code (Policy 1007) at its May 2011 meeting. This new policy contains provisions involving lobbyist activities. Staff is now recommending additional revisions to Policy 1100B Lobbyist Activities for Economic Gain, to align it with the new Ethics Code.

The new revisions to the lobbyist policy can be summarized as follows:

- 1. Additional language stating a person representing an employee bargaining group (union, meet and confer group) when acting on behalf of the employee bargaining group, will be added to the list of those not considered lobbyists.
- 2. Revised language to reflect two years is the length of time senior-level employees and School Board Members are prohibited from lobbying activities after their employment or term of office has been severed.
- 3. Revised language to reflect all lobbying activities between School Board Members and lobbyists shall be documented on Lobbying Contract Report Forms, which are subject to public inspection.
- 4. Additional language to reflect lobbyists are prohibited from providing campaign contributions to any School Board Members for their own campaigns or for other candidates during the "Cone of Silence".

These revisions were discussed at the September 27, 2011 School Board Workshop, the November 17, 2011 Public Rule Development Meeting, the January 10, 2012 School Board Workshop, and approved at the March 6, 2012 School Board Meeting. Upon School Board approval, at final reading, appropriate measures will be taken to communicate these revisions to all stakeholders and provide inservice opportunities to applicable staff on the implementation of the revised policy.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

- _•Goal One: Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary education.
- Goal Two: Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel.
- Goal Three: Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees.
- x_•Goal Four: Promote innovation which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position.
- Goal Five: Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel.
- Goal Six: Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area,
 - and district level.
- Goal Seven: Ensure district's leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)

- 1. Original Policy 1100B
- 2. Revised Policy 1100B
- 3. Matrix of recommended changes
- Lobbyist Activities Guidelines

ADOPTED

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Approved in Open Board Meeting

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School Board Chair