BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY

7370: Use of District Resources for Political Activity

No district funds, services, supplies, or equipment shall be used for the purpose of urging the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including but not limited to, any candidate for election to the governing board of the district.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the use of any of these public resources to provide information to the public about the possible effects of any bond issue or other ballot measure if both of the following conditions are met:

- A. The informational activities are otherwise authorized by the Constitution or laws of California.
- B. The information provided constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of relevant facts to aid the electorate in reaching an informed judgment regarding the bond issue or ballot measure.

Nothing in this policy prevents an employee of the district from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, or other working conditions of employees of the district; however, these activities are prohibited during working hours. In addition, entry into district buildings and grounds for such purposes during working hours is also prohibited.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit any recognized employee organization or its officers, agents, and representatives from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions from employee members to promote the support or defeat of any ballot measure on district property during nonworking time. As used in this policy, nonworking time means time outside an employee's working hours, whether before or after school or during the employee's luncheon period or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. For faculty employees, working hours are those hours scheduled for instruction, office hours, assigned non-classroom duties and meetings of committees, departments, or similar groups of which the faculty employee is a member.

See Board Policy 4030–Academic Freedom, Administrative Procedure 7370, and Administrative Procedure–7371, Personal Use of Public Resources.

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