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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
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Board Cover Memorandum

To Board of Education

From Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Sondra Aguilera, CAO
Jenn Blake, Executive Director, Special Education

Meeting Date April 24, 2024

Subject Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 4111: Recruitment and Selection

Ask of the Board Approval by the Board of Education of the amendment to the Board Policy 4111: Recruitment and Selection related to the 2024-2027 Oakland Unified SELPA Part B Special Education Local Plan

Background The California Department of Education requires that each Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) create, adopt and implement a Local Plan, Annual Budget Plan, and Annual Service plan. The Local Plan must be revised every three years, and it contains detailed information about the operations, procedures and governance structures of the SELPA. Part B of the Local Plan requires review of board policies related to serving students with disabilities to assure conformity with Title 20 *United States Code (USC)* and in accordance with Title 34 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Section 300.201.

Discussion We ask that the Board approve the amendment to Board Policy 4111: Recruitment and Selection to assure that Oakland Unified Board Policies align with language required by the California Department of Education (CDE) related to the Special Education Local Plan.

Fiscal Impact No Fiscal Impact. Will use existing Special Education funds. Funds can be withheld by the California Department of Education (CDE) if the plan is not adopted in a timely manner.

Attachment(s)

- BP 4111: Recruitment and Selection Redline Version
- BP 4111: Recruitment and Selection Clean Version

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Board Policy

BP 4111, 4211, 4311

Personnel

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(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 4100 - Certificated Personnel)

(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)

(cf. 4300 - Management, Supervisory and Confidential Personnel)

The Superintendent or designee shall recruit candidates for open positions based on an assessment of the district's needs for specific skills, knowledge and abilities. He/she shall develop job descriptions that accurately describe all essential and marginal functions and duties of each position, and shall disseminate job announcements to ensure a wide range of candidates. Job announcements for represented positions shall also be disseminated in compliance with applicable labor agreements.

(cf. 4119.3/4219.3/4319.3 - Duties of Personnel)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop selection procedures that identify the best possible candidate for each position based on screening processes, interviews, observations and recommendations from previous employers. He/she may establish an interview committee, as appropriate, to rank candidates and recommend finalists. All discussions and recommendations shall be confidential in accordance with law.

During job interviews, applicants may be asked to describe or to demonstrate how they will be able to perform the duties of the job. No inquiry shall be made with regard to any category of discrimination prohibited by state or federal law.

- (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
- (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
- (cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
- (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
- (cf. 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2 - Legal Status Requirement)

For each position, the Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board one candidate who meets all qualifications established by law and the Board for the position. No person shall be employed by the Board without the recommendation or endorsement of the Superintendent or designee.

- (cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
- (cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
- (cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
- (cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

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Contingent upon available funding, the Superintendent or designee may provide incentives to recruit credentialed teachers to teach in any district school ranked in the bottom half of the state Academic Performance Index or in subject areas experiencing a shortage of teachers. Such incentives may include, but are not limited to, signing bonuses, improved work conditions, teacher compensation or housing subsidies. (Education Code 44735)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
- 44066 Limitations on certification requirement
- 44259 Teaching credential; exception; designated subjects; minimum requirements
- 44735 Incentive grants for recruiting teachers for low-performing schools
- 44750-44754.5 Regional teacher recruitment centers
- 44830-44831 Employment of certificated persons
- 44858 Age or marital status in certificated positions
- 44859 Prohibition against certain rules and regulations re residency
- 45103-45138 Employment (classified employees)
- 49406 Examination for tuberculosis

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GOVERNMENT CODE

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, including:

12940-12956 Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices

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2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

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2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Human Resources, 1996

WEB SITES

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

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