Concepts And Roles

Fresno Unified is a place where diversity is valued and educational excellence and equity are expected.

The Governing Board recognizes that the success of district students and programs hinges on effective personnel. The Board desires to establish safe and supportive working conditions that will attract and retain staff members who are highly qualified and dedicated to the education and welfare of students. The district's personnel policies and related regulations shall be designed to ensure a supportive, positive climate and shall be consistent with collective bargaining agreements and in conformance with state and federal law and regulations.

As the legal representative of the district in negotiations with employee representatives, the Board shall set goals and guidelines for collective bargaining, maintain communications during the bargaining process, and adopt the negotiated contract. Terms and conditions of employment which have been negotiated and stated in employee contracts shall have the force of policy. The Board shall hear employee complaints and appeals when such hearings are in accordance with Board policy or negotiated agreements. The Board shall also adopt wage and salary schedules including supplemental service and substitute rates and shall commit budget funds for staff development so that staff members may continue developing their skills.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent has primary responsibility for overseeing the district's personnel system. The Superintendent shall nominate all personnel for employment and the Board shall approve only those persons so recommended. If a nomination by the Superintendent is not acceptable to the Board, the nomination shall be withdrawn. The Superintendent or designee shall then present other nominations to the Board for consideration. Individuals who approach Board members regarding prospective employment shall be referred to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4211 - Recruitment and Selection)
The Superintendent or designee shall assign and supervise the work of all employees and shall evaluate their work in accordance with effective accountability systems approved by the Board. The Superintendent or designee also shall recommend disciplinary action which the Board may take against employees when warranted pursuant to Board policy, administrative regulations, and/or state or federal law and in conformance with collective bargaining agreements.

The Board recognizes that every employee has a stake in the district's successful operation. The Board encourages all district employees to express their ideas, concerns and proposals related to the improvement of working conditions and the total educational program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35020 Duties of employees fixed by governing board
35035 Powers and duties of superintendent
35160 Powers of governing board

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations

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