



ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

McDonogh #35 High School
1331 Kerlerec Street
New Orleans, LA 70119
March 23, 2011
3:00pm

Call to Order & Purpose of Hearing

Edward Morris, General Counsel

Presentation

- Amended Policy KF1000 – Use of School Facilities
- Policy F606 – Assignment of School Buildings

Questions and Comments



ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES

1. The public hearing will begin with a presentation of Second Reading of Amended Policy KF1000 and Policy F606 by the Superintendent and/or his designee(s).
2. Anyone wishing to address the Board Policies should fill out a card located on the table and submit it to the Board Secretary. Cards will be received up to one-half hour after the meeting begins (**Notation: The Public Hearing begins at 3:00 PM**).
3. General Counsel to the Board will be responsible for the orderly and efficient conduct of the hearing and may set a reasonable time limit for each presentation depending on the number of cards received.
4. Each speaker will be limited to two (2) questions per item. General Counsel will recognize the speaker and give him/her permission to proceed. The speaker shall state his/her name and address for the Board records.
5. Those who have a group concern are encouraged to select a spokesperson from the group to address the concern.
6. Speakers are expected to be as concise as possible and to present their questions and comments in an objective manner in accordance with good taste and decorum and without reference to or insinuations against the Board, its members, or school system employees.
7. The Superintendent or his designee will serve as the official respondent to questions posed by the public.
8. Disruptions or disorderly conduct at the public hearing will constitute grounds for the presiding officer to ask security personnel to remove the offender.

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F606 - ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The Orleans Parish School Board is charged with the responsibility of assigning school facilities to direct run and charter operated schools. The provisions of the policy are intended to govern assignment of Orleans Parish School Board school facilities to Operators, whether Direct-Run or Charter, for use as a K to 12 educational facility. Assignment of School Facilities to a Charter Operator will require execution of a lease in accordance with the requirements of state law.

The utilization of all school facilities shall be reviewed annually by the Superintendent through the Executive Director of Operations. The goals of facility utilization are as follows:

1. Transparency in assignment of facilities to operators.
2. Clear and Objective Process for assignment
3. Ensure Support for Special Needs Students.
4. Maximize Facility Capacity by matching facility capacity to operator enrollment.
5. Assessment of Transportation factors including number of children bused, time, distance and safety.
6. Community Involvement and Support.

The following criteria will be taken into consideration in the assignment of facilities:

1. Demographics supporting the need for a school in the community
2. Operator School enrollment should equal or exceed 85% of Building Capacity.
3. Operator must be able to demonstrate Community support and participation.
4. Operator must be able to demonstrate Financial Stability.
5. Ability and Willingness of the Operator to Execute an acceptable lease contract.
6. Operator's compliance with state and federal laws and contractual obligations.
7. Condition of the facility as set forth in Policy F605.

The Superintendent and/or his designee will be responsible for developing procedures for compliance with this policy. In March of each year, the Superintendent shall present to the Board the assignment of facilities.

Adopted 03-2011

(Policy Amendment)

KF1000 – USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Orleans Parish School ~~District Board~~ recognizes the interest and capital investment the community has in school buildings, grounds, and other facilities (“school facilities”), and believes that the same should be available for legitimate purposes, as long as such use shall not violate Orleans Parish School Board policy or federal, state or local statutes or ordinances laws applicable to such use. Use of school facilities by the community, ~~when approved by the District,~~ shall be scheduled at times, which do not interfere with regular school activities.

The usage of school facilities by individuals or groups shall be based on a properly documented application. The application shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A “hold harmless” statement having the effect of holding the Board and School District free from any liability that may arise while the facilities are in use.
2. A statement requiring, with limited exception, any person or group leasing the school facilities to purchase liability insurance identifying the School Board and School District as an additional insured. A certificate verifying the purchase of such insurance shall be presented to the District Superintendent, along with the signed lease agreement, prior to use of the facilities. The Superintendent may waive this requirement after reviewing the application for facility usage.
3. A statement that the individual or group lesseeuser shall assume all responsibility for security, damages and/or maintenance expenses invested in the building, directly or indirectly resulting from lessee’s use of the facility.

The Superintendent shall maintain appropriate administrative regulations and procedures governing the use of school facilities, which shall include fees to be charged and appropriate amounts of liability insurance coverage.

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are strictly prohibited in or on school facilities or at school-sponsored events:

1. Smoking, chewing or otherwise consuming any tobacco or tobacco product or carrying a lighted cigar or cigarette, pipe or any other form of smoking object or device, except in outdoor areas specifically designated as smoking areas. Such outdoor areas shall be established by each principal or building administrator and shall be available only to adults;

2. The use, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages;
3. Raffles or games of chance, except the awarding of an entrance or door prize by parent clubs as an auxiliary to admission to a fund-raising activity; and
4. Partisan political meetings, **political campaigns** or sectarian religious services.

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§~~17:81; 17:240~~.

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