POLICY—410.13—REDUCTION IN FORCE (LICENSED)

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BOARD POLICY

1. The primary consideration in any Reduction in Force (RIF) will be the maintenance of a sound and balanced educational program that is consistent with the functions and responsibilities of the District, i.e., educating students to be college and career ready. The purpose of this policy is to establish an orderly procedure used to terminate employment when the Board determines that a RIF is necessary. This policy will be applied in a fair and equitable manner without regard for age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, veteran status and in accordance with state and federal law.

2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the District Administration to establish administrative regulations consistent with this policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—410.13-1:

1. Grounds for Reduction in Force
   1.1. A Reduction in Force may be implemented when the District Administration, under the direction of the Board, determines that any of the following circumstances occur:
      1.1.1. Declining student enrollments in the District
      1.1.2. The discontinuance or substantial reduction of a particular service or program
      1.1.3. The shortage of anticipated revenue
      1.1.4. School consolidation
      1.1.5. Other unforeseen circumstances
   1.2. Policy—410.13—Reduction in Force is only implemented when the District is unable to place teachers using Policy—410.12—Assignments and Transfers.

2. Reduction in Force Procedures
   2.1. Should the need for a Reduction in Force occur, the following procedures shall be followed:
   2.2. Decisions will be based on the program and staffing needs of the District.
   2.3. Licensed employees shall be grouped according to work assignments; (e.g. elementary, secondary—math, secondary-social studies, and special education). Any employee who is licensed/endorsed in more than one group is listed within the group where he/she performs most of his/her duties.
2.4. The District Administration, under the direction of the Board, shall determine the number of licensed employees to be terminated, due to a Reduction in Force, for each group.

2.5. The District Administration shall rank licensed employees, within each negatively impacted group, by their:
   2.5.1. performance evaluations
   2.5.2. educational qualifications
   2.5.3. professional contributions
   2.5.4. professional conduct

2.6. Criteria used to establish the rankings will be provided to employees and/or posted by the District.

2.7. The licensed employee(s) with the lowest rank(s) shall have their employment terminated.

3. Notification

3.1. Notification of termination, when related to a Reduction in Force, shall include the assurance that licensed employees will have the opportunity to interview for open positions, for which they are qualified, for one year.

3.2. Under normal circumstances, licensed employees who are to be affected by the Reduction in Force shall receive at least thirty (30) days notice or, in the case of urgent or unforeseen circumstances, as soon as the information is known.

4. Rehire

4.1. If employment is terminated through Reduction in Force and the licensed employee is rehired within one calendar year, the employee’s salary step, lane placement, and other leave benefits shall be reinstated at the level existing at the time of termination.