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OBJECTIVES OF BUILDINGS & SITES

This series of the board policy manual sets forth the board objectives and goals for the school district's buildings and sites. It is the goal of the board to provide sufficient school district buildings and sites for the education program. The board will strive to provide an environment which will encourage and support learning.

In providing this environment the school district buildings and sites will accommodate the organizational and instructional patterns that support the education program. The board has final authority to determine what is necessary to meet the needs of the education program.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to oversee the day-to-day operations of the school buildings and sites and to notify the board of areas in need of improvement.

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OA & BCIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

BUILDINGS & SITES LONG RANGE PLANNING

As part of the board's long range plan for the school district's education program, the board will include the buildings and sites needs for the education program. The long-term needs for building and will be discussed and determined by the board.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to provide information including, but not limited to, enrollment projections and education program requirements to the board.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 280.3, .12, .14; 297 (2013).

Cross Reference: 103 Long Range Needs Assessment

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BUILDINGS & SITES SURVEYS

The board may engage the services of consultants or other personnel to study the needs of the school district's buildings and sites in providing the education program. The results of these services will be considered in planning the education program and in making decisions about the improvement and acquisition of additional buildings and sites.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board regarding the need for such services and who should perform such services for the board.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 280.3, .14; 297 (2013).

Cross Reference: 103 Long-Range Needs Assessment
801 Site Acquisition and Building Construction

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EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUILDINGS & SITES

Buildings and sites considered for purchase or construction by the board or currently owned by the school district and used for the education program must meet, or upon improvement, be able to meet the specifications set by the board. The board will make this determination.

Prior to remodeling or other construction of buildings and sites, the board may appoint a committee of consultants, employees, citizens or others to assist the board in developing the specifications for the new or improved buildings and sites. These specifications will be consistent with the education program, and they will provide the architect with the information necessary to determine what is expected from the facility. It is within the discretion of the board to determine whether a committee is appointed.

The educational specifications will include, but not be limited to, the financial resources available for the project, the definition and character of classrooms, the functional use to be made of the rooms, description of specialized needs, and other pertinent information as the board deems necessary.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board regarding the specifications of buildings and sites.

Legal Reference:

Cedar Rapids Community School District, Linn County v. City of Cedar Rapids, 252 Iowa 205, 106 N.W.2d 655 (1960).

Iowa Code §§ 8A; 280.3, .14; 26; 297; 544A (2013).

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Cross Reference: 801.4 Site Acquisition and Building Acquisition

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SITE ACQUISITION

Sites acquired by the board will meet or, upon improvement, be able to meet the specifications set out by the board prior to using the site for the education program. The board may meet in closed session to discuss potential purchases of sites.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to assist the board and to make recommendations concerning the acquisition of sites.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.5(j); 297 (2013).

Cross Reference: 212 Closed Sessions
705.1 Purchasing - Bidding
801 Site Acquisition and Building Construction

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The school district buildings and sites, including the grounds, buildings and equipment, will be kept clean and in good repair. Employees should notify the building principal when something is in need of repair or removal, including graffiti.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to maintain the school district buildings and sites. As part of this responsibility, a maintenance schedule is created and adhered to in compliance with this policy.

NOTE: The sentence on graffiti is necessary because of the liability a school district could incur in a case involving harassment. The continued presence of graffiti could expose the school district to liability. It is recommended that school districts implement a procedure to discourage, report and remove graffiti in a timely manner.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.3, .14 (2013).

Cross Reference:

502.2 Care of School Property/Vandalism

502.5 Student Lockers

802 Maintenance, Operation and Management

804.1 Facilities Inspections

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 279.8; 280.3, .14 (2007)

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REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Generally, except for emergency situations, requests for improvements or repairs shall be made to the Superintendent by building principals and the head custodian and/or maintenance director. Requirements for requests outlined in the maintenance schedule shall be followed.

Minor improvements, not exceeding a cost of \$10,000 may be approved by the Superintendent. Improvements exceeding \$10,000 must be approved by the board. Routine maintenance and repairs outlined in the maintenance schedule shall be followed.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.3, .14 (2013).

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 279.8; 280.3, .14 (2007)

Cross Reference: 802.1 Maintenance Schedule
802.3 Emergency Repairs

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EMERGENCY REPAIRS

In the event of an emergency requiring repairs, in excess of the state limit, to a school district facility are necessary to correct or control the situation and to prevent the closing of the school, the provisions relating to bidding shall not apply.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to obtain certification from the area education agency administrator stating such repairs in excess of the state limit were necessary to prevent the closing of school.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to notify the board as soon as possible considering the circumstances of the emergency.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 26.3, 280.3, .14; 297.8 (2013).

Cross Reference: 705.1 Purchasing – Bidding
 802 Maintenance, Operation and Management

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CAPITAL ASSETS

All assets purchased by the OA & BCIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS are subject to the following capitalization policy:

Capital assets, including tangible and intangible assets, are reported in the government-wide financial statements (i.e. governmental activities and business type activities) and the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets reported include school district buildings and sites, construction in progress, improvements other than buildings and sites, land and machinery and equipment. Capital assets reported in the financial reports will include individual capital assets with an historical cost equal to or greater than \$1,500.

All intangible assets with a purchase price equal to or greater than \$30,000 with useful life of two or more years, are included in the intangible asset inventory for capitalization purposes. Such assets are recorded at actual historical cost and amortized over the designated useful lifetime applying a straight-line method of depreciation. If there are no legal, contractual, regulatory, technological or other factors that limit the useful life of the asset, then the intangible asset needs to be considered to have an indefinite useful life and no amortization should be recorded.

Phase III districts, as determined under GASB 34, will not retroactively report intangible assets. If actual historical cost cannot be determined for intangible assets due to lack of sufficient records, estimated historical cost will be used.

This policy applies to all intangible assets. If an intangible asset that meets the threshold criteria is fully amortized, the asset must be reported at the historical cost and the applicable accumulated amortization must also be reported. It is not appropriate to "net" the capital asset and amortization to avoid reporting. For internally generated intangible assets, outlays incurred by the government's personnel, or by a third-party contractor on behalf of the government, and for development of internally generated intangible assets should be capitalized.

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CAPITAL ASSETS REGULATION

A. Capital Assets Management System

The superintendent, and/or other designated staff, shall:

- 1) Conduct the capital assets physical count;
- 2) Develop the capital assets listing;
- 3) Tag capital assets included in the capital assets management system with a bar code identification number;
- 4) Make a recommendation of a computer software program for managing the capital assets management system;
- 5) Enter the necessary data into the capital assets management system and compile the appropriate reports;
- 6) Develop forms and procedures for maintaining the integrity of the capital assets management system; and,
- 7) Maintain responsibility for an accurate capital assets management system.

B. Determining historical cost

1. The historical cost of a capital asset is based on the actual costs expended in making the capital assets serviceable.
2. Gifts of capital assets are valued at the estimated fair market value at the addition/acquisition date.
3. Capital assets purchased under a capital lease are valued at historical cost of their net present value of the minimum lease payments on the addition/acquisition date.
4. The historical cost of capital assets must include capitalized interest.

C. Annual capital assets listing reconciliation

1. The superintendent, and/or other designated staff, in conjunction with the capital assets management team, will conduct an annual capital assets physical count to develop the annual capital assets listing in a manner similar to the initial capital assets listing process in B above. At least every three years, someone other than the person in custody of the capital assets in the building/department/room will perform the capital assets physical count for the building/department/room.
2. Upon completion of the annual capital assets listing, the capital assets listing is reconciled to the capital assets management system data base.
3. Capital assets found to have been excluded from the data base are added to the capital assets management system. The capital assets management system process should be reviewed to prevent future incidents of excluding a capital asset.
4. Capital assets unaccounted for are reported to the superintendent who contacts the supervisor of and the individual in charge/control/custody of the capital asset. The individual in charge/control/custody of the capital asset has thirty days to account for the capital asset.
5. Capital assets unaccounted for after thirty days are reported to the superintendent for appropriate action and documentation. "Appropriate action" may include discipline, up to and including discharge, and may require the employee/person in charge/control/custody of the capital asset to replace the asset.
6. The superintendent is responsible for documenting the reasons each asset was not reconciled to the capital assets management system.

D. Addition/acquisition of capital assets.

1. The school district's purchasing policy and administrative regulations must be followed when acquiring capital assets. The school district's policy and administrative regulations must be followed for receiving a gift of capital assets.
2. The capital assets addition/acquisition documentation must be completed for each additional capital assets with an addition/acquisition cost of equal to or greater than (*\$ capitalization threshold*). The following information should be collected, if applicable:
 - a. Name of location-building/department/room;
 - b. Location-building/department/room code;
 - c. Balance sheet accounting/class code;

- d. Government or BTA program;
- e. Addition/acquisition date;
- f. Check/purchase order number or gift;
- g. Bar code identification number assigned to and placed on the capital asset;
- h. Serial/model number;
- i. Cost-historical;
- j. Fair market value on acquisition date (donated assets only);
- k. Estimated useful life;
- l. Vendor;
- m. Purchasing fund and function;
- n. Description of capital asset;
- o. Department/person charged with custody,
- p. Method of addition/acquisition-purchase, trade, gift etc.,
- q. Quantity;
- r. Replacement cost;
- s. Addition/acquisition authorization; and,
- t. Function for depreciation.

3. Capital assets acquired in a month must be entered into the capital assets management system in the same month.

4. The actual costs of construction in progress, other than infrastructure, is entered into the capital assets management system in the month in which costs are incurred until the total cost of addition/acquisition is entered. Upon completion of construction, the total costs accumulated over the period of construction are reclassified to buildings.

5. Capital assets acquired in a month must be entered into the capital assets management system in the same month.

E. Relocation/transfer of machinery and equipment capital assets.

1. A capital assets relocation/transfer documentation must be completed prior to removing machinery and equipment capital assets from their current location. The following information must be collected:

- a. Relocation/transfer date;
- b. Quantity;
- c. Bar code identification number;
- d. Current location-building/department/room code;
- e. Name of current location-building/department/room;
- f. New location-building/department/room code;
- g. Name of new location-building/department/room;
- h. Date placed at new location-building/department/room;
- i. Department/person charged with custody; and
- j. Relocation/transfer authorization.

2. Capital assets relocated/transferred in a month must be entered into the capital assets management system in the same month.

F. Disposal of capital assets

1. A Capital Assets disposal documentation must be completed prior to disposing of real property. The following information must be collected:

- a. Disposal date;

- b. Quantity;
- c. Bar code tag identification number;
- d. Legal description,
- e. Location/Address;
- f. Purchaser;
- g. Disposal methods for real property trade, sale, stolen, etc.; and,
- h. Disposal authorization.

2. Capital assets disposed of in a month must be entered into the capital assets management system in the same month.

3. When assets are sold or disposed of, it is necessary to calculate and report a gain or loss in the statement of activities. The gain/loss is calculated by subtracting the net book value (historical cost less any accumulated amortization) from the net amount realized on the sale or disposal.

G. Lost, damaged or stolen capital assets.

1. A Lost, Damaged or Stolen Capital Assets Report must be completed when a capital asset has been lost, damaged or stolen. The following information must be collected:

- a. Date of loss, damage or theft;
- b. Employee/person discovering;
- c. Quantity;
- d. Description of capital asset;
- e. Bar code tag identification number;
- f. Location-building/department/room;
- g. Description of loss, damage, etc.;
- h. Filing of police report-yes or no;
- i. Filing of insurance report-yes or no;
- j. Sent for repair-yes or no;
- k. Date returned from repair;
- l. Date returned to location-building/department/room;
- m. Department/person charged with custody; and,
- n. Authorization.

2. Capital assets damaged, lost or stolen in a month must be entered into the capital assets management system in the same month.

H. Capital assets reports

1. Annual reports for June 30 each year.

- a. Capital assets listing including the following items:
 - 1) Balance sheet accounting/class code;
 - 2) Purchasing fund, function and depreciation function;
 - 3) Bar code tag identification number;
 - 4) Description of the capital asset;
 - 5) Historical cost or other;
 - 6) Location;
 - 7) Current year depreciation/expense; and,

- 8) Accumulated depreciation/amortization.
- b. Capital assets listing by location/building;
- c. Capital assets listing by department/employee/person charged with custody; and,
- d. Capital assets listing by replacement cost.

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CAPITAL ASSETS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DEFINITIONS

Back trending/standard costing - an estimate of the historical original cost using a known average installed cost for like units as of the estimated addition/ acquisition date. This cost is only applied to the capital assets initially counted upon implementation of the capital assets management system when the historical original cost cannot be determined. It is inappropriate to apply the back trending/standard costing method to any capital assets acquired after the assets management system implementation date.

Balance sheet accounting/class codes - the codes set out for assets in the Iowa Department of Education Uniform Accounting Manual. They are: 200-capital assets; 211- land and land improvements; 221-site improvements; 222-accumulated depreciation on site improvements; 231-buildings and building improvements; 232-accumulated depreciation on buildings and building improvements; 241-machinery and equipment; 242-accumulated depreciation on machinery and equipment, 251-works of art and historical treasures; 252-accumulated depreciation on works of art and historical treasures, 261-infrastructure, 262-accumulated depreciation on infrastructure, and 271-construction in progress.

Book value - the value of capital assets on the records of the school district, which can be the cost or, the cost less the appropriate allowances, such as depreciation.

Buildings and building improvements - a capital assets account reflecting the addition/acquisition cost of permanent structures owned or held by a government and the improvements thereon.

Business-type activities - one of two classes of activities reported in the government-wide financial statements. Business-type activities are financed in the whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. These activities are usually reported in enterprise funds.

Capital expenditures/expenses - expenditures/expenses resulting in the addition/acquisition of or addition/acquisition to the school district's capital assets.

Capital assets - Capital assets with a value of equal to or greater than (*\$ capitalization threshold*) based on the historical cost include: long-lived assets obtained or controlled as a result of past transactions, events or circumstances. Capital assets include buildings, construction in progress, improvements other than facilities, land, machinery and equipment, and intangible assets.

Capitalization policy - the criteria used by the school district to determine which capital assets will be reported as capital assets on the school district's financial statements and records

Capitalization threshold - The dollar value at which a government elects to capitalize tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period.

Capitalized interest - interest accrued and reported as part of the cost of the capital assets during the construction phase of a capital project. The construction phase extends from the initiation of pre-construction activities until the time the asset is placed in service.

Construction in progress - buildings in the process of being constructed other than infrastructure.

Cost - the amount of money or other consideration exchanged for goods or services.

Depreciation/Amortization - expiration in the service life of capital assets, other than wasting assets, attributable to wear and tear, deterioration, action of the physical elements, inadequacy and obsolescence. In accounting for depreciation/amortization, the cost of a capital asset, less any salvage value, is prorated over the estimated service life of such an asset, and each period is charged with a portion of such cost.

Fixtures - attachments to buildings that are not intended to be removed and cannot be removed without damage to the buildings. Those fixtures with a useful life presumed to be as long as that of the building itself are considered a part of the building. Other fixtures are classified as machinery and equipment.

General capital assets - capital assets that are not capital assets of any fund, but of the governmental unit as a whole. Most often these capital assets arise from the expenditure of the financial resources of governmental funds.

General capital assets account group (GFAAG) - a self-balancing group of accounts established to account for capital assets of the school district, not accounted for through specific proprietary funds.

Government activities - activities generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. These activities are usually reported in governmental funds and internal service funds.

Government-wide financial statements - Financial statements that incorporate all of a government's governmental and business-type activities, as well as its nonfiduciary component units. There are two basic government-wide financial statements the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. Both basic government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

Historical (acquisition) cost - the actual costs expended to place a capital asset into service. For land and buildings, costs such as legal fees, recording fees, surveying fees, architect fees and similar fees are included in the historical cost. For machinery and equipment, costs such as freight and installation fees and similar fees are included in the historical cost.

Improvements - In addition made to, or change made in, a capital asset, other than maintenance, to prolong its life or to increase the efficiency or capacity. The cost of the addition or change is added to the book value of the asset.

Improvements other than buildings - attachments or annexation to land that are intended to remain so attached or annexed, such as sidewalks, trees, drives, tunnels, drains and sewers. Sidewalks, curbing, sewers and highways are sometimes referred to as "betterments," but the term "improvements" is preferred.

Infrastructure - long-lived capital assets that normally are stationary in nature and normally can be preserved for a significantly greater number of years than most capital assets. Examples of infrastructure assets include; roads, bridges, tunnels, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, dams, and lighting systems.

Investment in general capital assets - an account in the GFAAG representing the school district's investment in general capital assets. The balance in this account generally is subdivided according to the source of the monies that finance the capital assets addition/acquisition, such as general fund revenues and special assessments.

Land and buildings - real property owned by the school district.

Machinery and equipment - capital assets which maintain their identity when removed from their location and are not changed materially or consumed immediately (e.g., within one year) by use. Machinery and equipment are often divided into specific categories such as: transportation machinery and equipment which includes school buses and school district owned automobiles, trucks and vans; other motor machinery and equipment which includes lawn maintenance machinery and equipment, tractors, motorized carts, maintenance machinery and equipment, etc.; other machinery and equipment which includes furniture and machinery and equipment contained in the buildings whose original cost is equal to or greater than (*\$ capitalization threshold*), and capital assets under capital leases and capital assets being acquired under a lease/purchase agreement.

Proprietary funds - Funds that focus on the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. There are two different types of proprietary funds: enterprise funds and internal service funds.

Replacement cost - the amount of cash or other consideration required today to obtain the same capital assets or its equivalent.

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BUILDINGS AND SITES ADAPTATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The board recognizes the need for access to its buildings and sites by persons with disabilities. School district buildings and sites currently in use will be altered to be accessible to persons with disabilities unless the alteration would cause an undue hardship for the school district. Renovated and new buildings and sites shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, upon board approval, to take the necessary action to ensure school district buildings and sites are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Legal Reference:

29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2012).

42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq. (2012).

Iowa Code chs. 104A; 216 (2013).

Cross Reference: 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
 603.3 Special Education

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VANDALISM

The board believes everyone should treat school district buildings and sites and property with respect for the benefit of the educational program. Users of school district property will treat it with care. Employees discovering vandalism should report it to the building principal as soon as possible.

Persons suspected, found or proven to have destroyed or otherwise harmed school district property may be subject to discipline by the school district, if the person is under the jurisdiction of the school district, and may be reported to local law enforcement officials. Persons who are not under the jurisdiction of the school district and who are suspected, found or proven to have destroyed or otherwise harmed school district property will be reported to the local law enforcement authorities.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code 279.8 (2007)

Cross Reference: 903.4 Public Conduct on School Premises

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ENERGY CONSERVATION

In concert with the board's goal to utilize public funds in an effective and efficient manner, school district personnel and students shall practice energy conservation methods when utilizing the school district's facilities. These methods include, but are not limited to, turning off lights and equipment when not in use, reducing the temperature of the facility, particularly when it is not in use, and keeping windows and doors properly closed or open, depending on the weather.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop energy conservation guidelines for employees and students. Employees and students will abide by these guidelines.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 279.44; 473.19-.20 (2013).

Cross Reference: 700 Purpose of Non-instructional and Business Services

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USE OF CONTRACT SERVICE

The Superintendent of Schools shall use his or her judgment as conditions dictate as to the use of School District maintenance personnel or contracting for a special service in the maintenance of the School District's grounds, buildings, and equipment.

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DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

School property, such as equipment, furnishings, or supplies (hereafter equipment), will be disposed of when it is determined to be of no further use to the school district. It is the objective of the school district in disposing of the equipment to achieve the best available price or most economical disposal.

Obsolete equipment having a value of less than \$5,000 will be disposed of in a manner determined by the board. When such a disposal is deemed appropriate, the superintendent of schools shall advertise the sale and accept bids, taking the high bidder, put the equipment up for auction or sell the equipment through simple negotiations with interested buyers. The superintendent shall make the determination of which of these methods is appropriate for the equipment to be sold. However, the sale of equipment, furnishings or supplies disposed of in this manner will be published in a newspaper of general circulation. The publication of the sale will be published with at least one insertion each week for two consecutive weeks. Any other disposition may be done in any other manner so with only one insertion in same newspaper.

A public hearing will be held regarding the disposal of equipment with a value of \$5,000 or more prior to the board's final decision. The board will adopt a resolution announcing the proposed sale and will publish notice of the time and place of the public hearing and the description of the property will be in the resolution. Notice of the public hearing will be published at least once, but not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days, prior to the hearing date. Upon completion of the public hearing, the board may dispose of the equipment.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board regarding the method for disposing of equipment of no further use to the school district.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 297.22-.25 (2013).

Cross Reference:	704	Revenue
	705.1	Purchasing – Bidding
	803.2	Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Buildings & Sites

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LEASE, SALE OR DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS & SITES

Decisions regarding the lease, sale or disposal of school district real property shall be made by the board. In making its decision the board will consider the needs of the education program and the efficient use of public funds.

Prior to the board's final decision regarding real property, a public hearing shall be held. The board shall adopt a resolution announcing the proposed sale which will contain notice of the time and place of the public hearing and the description of the property or locally known address. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be published at least once, but not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days, prior to the hearing date. Upon completion of the public hearing, the board may dispose of the property.

If the real property contains less than two acres, is located outside of a city, is not adjacent to a city and was previously used as a schoolhouse site, the property may revert to the owner of the tract from whom the property was taken following the procedures set forth in Iowa Code §§ 297.15-.25.

In the case of a sale or lease of school district real property not being used for the education program, unless otherwise exempted, advertisements for bids shall be taken. If the bids received by the board are deemed inadequate, the board may decline to sell or lease the property and re-advertise.

In the case of the razing of a school district facility, in an amount in excess of the statutory minimum required by law, the board will advertise and take bids for the purpose of awarding the contract for the project.

The superintendent shall be responsible for coordinating the action necessary for the board to accomplish the lease, sale, or disposal of school district real property, including student-constructed buildings. It shall also be the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board regarding the use of school district real property not being utilized for the education program.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 297.15-.25 (2013).

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	803.2 Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Buildings & Sites

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FACILITIES INSPECTIONS

A program for annual inspection, in addition to those conducted by authorized agencies, of the equipment, facilities, and grounds will be conducted as part of the maintenance schedule for school district buildings and sites. The results of this inspection will be reported to the board. Further, the board may conduct its own inspection of the school district buildings and sites annually.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code § 279.8 (2013).

Cross Reference:

802 Maintenance, Operation and Management

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WARNING SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY PLANS

The school district will maintain a warning system designed to inform students, employees and visitors in the facilities of an emergency. This system is maintained on a regular basis under the maintenance plan for school district buildings and sites.

Students are informed of this system according to board policy. Each classroom and office will have a plan for helping those in need of assistance to safety during an emergency. This will include, but not be limited to, students and employees with disabilities.

Licensed employees are responsible for instructing students on the proper techniques to be followed during an emergency. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code § 100.31 (2013).

Cross Reference: 507.1 Student Health
 711.7 School Bus Safety Instruction

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BOMB THREATS

As soon as a bomb threat is reported to the administration, the school district facility should be cleared immediately. A thorough search will be made by the appropriate school district or law enforcement officials. Employees and students will remain outside the school district facility until it is determined that danger no longer exists.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to file a report or keep a report or keep a report of each incident for the school district records.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8 (2013)

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ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS

Friable and non-friable asbestos-containing materials will be maintained in good condition and appropriate precautions will be followed when the material is disturbed for any reason. If there is a need to replace asbestos, it will be replaced with non-asbestos-containing materials. Each school building will maintain a copy of the asbestos management plan.

The school district will annually notify, appoint and train appropriate employees as necessary.

Legal Reference:

20 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq. (2012).

40 C.F.R. Pt. 763.84 (2012).

Iowa Code §§ 279.52-.54 (2013).

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Policy Title: USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS & ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

The board recognizes the value of video cameras in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its students and staff and in protecting the community's investment in district-owned property and facilities. Upon carefully weighing the privacy rights of students and staff against the district's duty to provide a safe, secure, and orderly learning and work environment, the board has determined it is in the district's best interests to use video cameras in school buildings and upon school grounds. The use of video cameras will be according to the following regulations:

Video Monitoring System:

1. Video cameras may be installed in any public area within a school building and/or upon school grounds, including but not limited to classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, libraries, computer labs, parking lots, auditoriums, break rooms, weight rooms, and gymnasiums.
2. Video cameras may not be installed in any area in which individuals possess a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as restrooms, locker rooms, or private offices.
3. The precise location of video cameras shall be determined by the superintendent with the assistance of the appropriate building principal. Input from staff members may be sought to determine the most beneficial locations for video cameras.
4. Under no circumstances shall the district's video cameras be equipped to record audio data.
5. The contents of video recordings captured by video cameras may be used as evidence in a student disciplinary matter, evaluation of staff conduct, and/or to provide evidence of any unlawful activity on school grounds.
6. Absent a reported incident, recordings may be re-circulated for erasure after thirty (30) days.
7. Video recordings shall be kept in a secure location.

Treatment of Digital Recordings

Digital recordings of incidents captured by video cameras located on district property shall constitute a part of a student's education record or a staff member's personnel record, as the case may be, subject to relevant board policies and administrative regulations, including applicable record retention policies. Upon the report of an incident, or possible incident, only those persons with a legitimate educational purpose shall be permitted to view the recordings. In most instances, those persons will be the superintendent, building principal, authorized staff members, and area education agency staff members. The appropriate building principal shall keep a written log of all persons viewing the recordings stating the time, name of individual viewing the recording, date the recording was viewed, and reason the recording was viewed. If the content of the recording becomes the subject of a student disciplinary proceeding or personnel proceeding, it may be treated like other evidence in that proceeding. Parents of students under eighteen years old or students over eighteen years old may request to view recordings of the student in the event the recordings are used in disciplinary proceedings involving the student. Staff members may similarly request to view any recording used in the evaluation of that staff member's conduct. Any such request shall be processed by the district in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Notification

The district shall annually provide the following notice to students and parents:

The Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts' Boards of Education have authorized the use of video cameras in the district's school buildings and on school property. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior in order to maintain a safe, secure, and healthy environment for students and staff. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotape is a confidential student record and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matters as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view recordings of their children in the event the recordings are used in disciplinary proceedings involving their children. Any such request shall be processed by the district in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

The district shall also include a general notice regarding the use of video cameras in its personnel manual and shall post written notices in conspicuous locations in areas where video cameras are in operation.

Tampering

No person shall tamper with a video camera belonging to the district. Students and/or staff found to have tampered with a video camera belonging to the district shall be disciplined in accordance with the district's discipline policy and good conduct rule, if applicable, and shall reimburse the district for any repairs or replacement necessary as a result of the tampering. In the administration's discretion, matters involving tampering with a district video camera may be turned over to law enforcement.

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