



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item No. 9.4

Meeting Date: December 15, 2022

Subject: Approve Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facilities

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated:)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Department: Facilities Support Services

Recommendation: Approve Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facilities.

Background/Rationale: Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facility was last adopted in 1998 and allows the Board to consider naming of facilities, or parts of facilities in honor of individuals, living or deceased, or geographical areas. The policy also calls for the appointment of a citizen advisory committee to review name suggestions and submit recommendation to the Board.

Proposed revisions to the policy help to align the naming of facilities with the District's mission and vision, provides more opportunity to consider names beyond what is currently in policy, further clarifies the process for appointing a citizen advisory committee that will review and recommend possible names to the Board of Education for their consideration.

The Board first reviewed the proposed changes to Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facilities at the November 17, 2022 Board Meeting as a First Reading. No additional changes to the proposed policy have been made since that meeting and staff is seeking your Approval of the policy at this time.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal (s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. BP 7310 Naming of Facilities with tracked changes
3. BP 7310 Naming of Facilities with changes accepted

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes
Submitted by: Rose Ramos, Chief Business and Operations Officer
Nathaniel Browning, Director of Facilities
Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facility was last adopted in 1998 and allows the Board to consider naming of facilities, or parts of facilities in honor of individuals, living or deceased, or geographical areas. The policy also calls for the appointment of a citizen advisory committee to review name suggestions and submit recommendation to the Board. The policy allows for the renaming of facilities only under extraordinary circumstances and study.

The current policy version does not take into account an alignment with the District’s vision and mission in the naming process. It also does not account for culturally or historically relevant names, the honoring of the diversity within our District, or names that may reflect the educational aspirations or instructional focus of a school. Revisions to the policy include greater clarity around the appointment of a citizen advisory committee that will review and recommend possible names to the Board of Education for their consideration. Lastly, the revisions add further clarity around the ability to rename facilities as the Board deems appropriate.

II. Driving Governance:

California Education Code 35160 provides the governing board with the authority to “initiate and carry on any program, activity, or may otherwise act in any manner which is not in conflict with or inconsistent with, or preempted by, any law and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which school districts are established.”

California Education Code 221.2 codifies the California Racial Mascots Act that states, “The use of racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames in California public schools is antithetical to the California school mission of providing an equal education to all.”

The District’s Core Value which states, “We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow, and reach their greatness.”

III. Budget:

No budget impact.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

V. Major Initiatives:

Ensuring Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facilities reflects the District’s mission and vision, provides additional guidance on naming criteria, and further defines the process for appointing

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a citizen advisory committee to review and recommend possible names to the Board of Education.

VI. Results:

Review the proposed edits to Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facilities with approval at a subsequent Board meeting.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

Bring Board Policy 7310 back for approval at the December 15, 2022 Board meeting.

Naming Of Facility

The ~~Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education Governing Board~~ believes all schools should be welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring places for all students. The Board desires to ensure that the names of District facilities reflect the District's vision and mission. School facilities names shall consider the diverse community they serve. ~~shall name schools or individual buildings in recognition of:~~

The Board of Education should use the following criteria in considering naming a school or school facilities:

1. ~~1. Individuals who have been living or deceased for one year or more, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community~~ In the case of a proposed name of an individual, criteria includes:
 - a. ~~Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community, or have made contributions of state, national, or worldwide significance.~~
 - ~~The individual's "primary legacy" (i.e. the key activities, advocacy or accomplishment for which the individual is most known) aligns with or reflects Sacramento City Unified School District's vision and mission.~~
 - b.
2. ~~2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance~~
2. ~~3. The geographical area, landmark, cultural relevance, or historical event in which the school or building is located.~~
3. ~~Flora and Fauna of significant importance to the region.~~
4. ~~Other naming criteria, including:~~
 - a. ~~School/facility names that articulate aspirations of the educational outcomes for District students.~~
 - b. ~~School/facility names that reflect the instructional focus of the school.~~
 - c. ~~School/facility names should consider the diverse community that they serve.~~
 - d. ~~When possible, proposed names should avoid duplicating names of other schools in the region to prevent possible confusion.~~

~~District facilities that might be named could include, but are not limited to, schools, theaters, building wings, libraries, cafeterias, multipurpose rooms, choice programs or schools, labs, maker spaces, sports complexes, fields, gymnasiums, swimming pools, administration offices, and honor walls.~~

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting names. ~~The Superintendent or appointee shall oversee the appointment of A~~ a citizen advisory committee ~~shall be appointed~~ to review name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board's consideration.

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~~The renaming of existing schools or major facilities shall occur only under extraordinary circumstances and after thorough study.~~

~~Memorials~~

~~Upon request, the Board shall consider naming buildings, parts of buildings or athletic fields in honor of the contributions of students, staff members and community members who have been deceased for at least one year.~~

Legal Reference:

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[35160](#) Authority of governing boards

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