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## SUBJECT: SALE AND DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

### ~~Sale of School Property~~

~~— No school property shall be sold without prior approval of the Board of Education. However, the responsibility for such sales may be delegated. The net proceeds from the sale of school property shall be deposited in the General Fund.~~

### ~~Disposal of District Personal Property~~

#### Equipment

~~— School District equipment that is obsolete, surplus, or unusable by the District shall be disposed of in such a manner that is advantageous to the District.~~

~~— The Superintendent will be responsible for selling the equipment in such a way so as to maximize the net proceeds of sale which may include a bona fide public sale preceded by adequate public notice.~~

Building administrators and support staff supervisors are responsible for identifying obsolete or surplus equipment and supplies within their area(s) of responsibility. Each year, a determination shall be made of which equipment, supplies and/or materials are obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the school district. Such equipment, supplies, or materials shall be sold through bid procedures, if possible, for the highest possible price.

The School Business Manager shall be authorized to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment and supplies in the following manner:

1. reassign the items, as needed, to other locations within the school district;
2. centralize the storage of items of potential usefulness; and/or
3. discard or sell as surplus those items determined to be of no further use or worthless.

Following approval by the Board of Education, items may be sold or donated in the following manner:

1. offer to sell the items to local non-profit organizations or donate/sell the items to local municipalities. Donated surplus items are required to be for a proper public purpose that benefits both entities. In such cases, the District and the other municipality will execute an agreement that transfers the property in question in exchange for some benefit to the school district.
2. sell items at a public sale or on a Board-approved public online auction site. In the event of a public sale, notice of availability of such equipment, supplies and materials and requests for bids shall be disseminated through announcements in local newspapers and such other appropriate means. The general public, as well as staff members who are not Board members, officers, or involved in the purchasing function, shall be eligible to bid on the equipment, supplies and/or materials; and

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3. If it is determined that reasonable attempts to dispose of the equipment have been made and such attempts have not produced an adequate return, the Superintendent or his/her designee may dispose of the equipment in any manner which he/she deems appropriate.

## Textbooks

Textbooks may lose their value to the educational program because of changes in the curriculum or because they contain outdated material and/or are in poor condition.

If textbooks are no longer useful or usable, the procedures for disposal shall adhere to the following order of preference:

- a) Sale of textbooks. If reasonable attempts to dispose of surplus textbooks fail to produce monetary return to the School District; then
- b) Donation to charitable organizations; or
- c) Disposal.

General Municipal Law  
Sections 51 and 800 et seq.  
*Ross v. Wilson*, 308 NY 605 (1955)  
*Matter of Baker*, 14 EDR 5 (1974)  
Op. St. Compt. 58-120

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