Policy: 6:13

SUBJECT;

## **RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES**

Supersedes:

7.11

Effective:

Page:

April 9, 2009

Approved by:

**Board of Education** 

## 1.0 Policy

## 1.1 CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES

Four general criteria will be used in determining buildings selected for closure:

- 1.1.1 **Building utilization,** a building's capacity relative to enrollment and its per pupil cost of operation; the possibility of operating only a portion of the building at the lower cost.
- 1.1.2 Accessibility of an alternate location for students, including distance considerations, safety from traffic or other environmental conditions, and cost of transportation required.
- 1.1.3 Age and physical condition of building and its adequacy to meet the needs of the instructional and other school programs.
- 1.1.4 **Economic ability** of the district to provide within the building at its current enrollment an equal educational opportunity for the student, that is, a full range of programs.
- 1.1.5 Academic performance of the school program and trends toward improvement.

## 1.2 <u>DISPOSITION OF BUILDINGS AND SITES</u>

When a school building is no longer needed for instructional purposes, the General Superintendent, after approval of the Board of Education will take one of the following actions:

1.2.1 If it was built before 1912 or does not comply with the structural requirements of the 1912 Code, it will be demolished. Exceptions may include buildings or portions of buildings to which major

additions have been made in accordance with the Code, or buildings that have unique architecture and/or are of historical interest.

- 1.2.2 Those buildings which are structurally sound or are still useful to the District may be retained for specified alternative uses by the District when a sound budget for their operation and maintenance can be established.
- 1.2.3 Structurally sound buildings or sites not retained for alternate use will be offered for sale to other public agencies, private organizations, or individuals. All transfers of ownership will be at the highest financial return to the district. Proceeds will be placed in the building fund revenue account.
- 1.2.4 Although the District shall avoid lease arrangements that involve the DPS in property management activities, use of surplus property by another public entity or private individual or legal entity may be authorized by the Board of Education. Such use will be for a fixed term and subject to regulations and written agreement designed to project the school district from any expense, loss or liability arising out of such use.
- 1.2.5 When a building is demolished, the following priorities will govern disposition of the site:
  - 1.2.5.1 DPS will retain sites that may be useful for expansion of existing sites, or that lie within anticipated need for school sites in the future.
  - 1.2.5.2 DPS will offer sites that may be useful for other public purposes to the City of Detroit on an exchange or sale basis where deemed appropriate.
  - 1.2.5.3 DPS will of the sites for sale at the highest financial return to the district.

In addition to the foregoing guidelines, the Chief of Facilities may develop other regulations and procedures for responsibilities relating to school closures which effectuate the provisions of this policy as well as federal, date, and/or local laws and regulations.

Attachments to Policy \_:\_:

None

See also:

None

Legal References:

**Labor Contract References:** 

None

**FAC-026**