

SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

The Governing Board believes that the district should utilize its facilities and resources in the most economical and practical manner. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically study the current and projected use of all district facilities to ensure the efficient utilization of space and the effective delivery of instruction.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
(cf. 7160 - Charter School Facilities)

Upon determination that district property is no longer needed or may not be needed until some future time, the Board shall offer to sell or lease district-owned real property in accordance with priorities and procedures specified in law, including, but not limited to, Education Code 17230, 17464, 17485-17500, and Government Code 54222.

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

When required by law, the Board shall appoint a district advisory committee to advise the Board in the development of policies and procedures governing the use or disposition of schools or school building space which is not needed for school purposes. (Education Code 17388)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

Resolution of Intention to Sell or Lease

Before ordering the sale or lease of any real property, the Board shall adopt a resolution by a two-thirds vote of all of its members at a regular, open meeting. The resolution shall describe the property proposed to be sold or leased in such a manner as to identify it, specify the minimum price or rent, describe the terms upon which it will be sold or leased, and specify the commission or rate, if any, which the Board will pay to a licensed real estate broker out of the minimum price or rent. The resolution shall fix a time, not less than three weeks thereafter, for a public meeting, held at the Board's regular meeting place, at which sealed proposals to purchase or lease will be received and considered. (Education Code 17466)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notice of the adoption of the resolution and of the time and place of the meeting that will be held to consider bids by posting copies of the resolution, signed by the Board, in three public places not less than 15 days before

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the date of the meeting. In addition, the notice shall be published at least once a week for three successive weeks before the meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the district is located, if such a paper exists. (Education Code 17469)

The Superintendent or designee shall take reasonable steps to provide notification to the former owners of the property of the district's intent to sell it in accordance with Education Code 17470.

Acceptance/Rejection of Bids

At the public meeting specified in the resolution of intention to sell or lease property, the Board shall open, examine, and declare all sealed bids. Before accepting any written proposal, the Board shall call for oral bids in accordance with law. (Education Code 17472, 17473)

The Board may reject any and all bids, either written or oral, and withdraw the properties from sale when the Board determines that rejection is in the best public interest. If no proposals are submitted or the submitted proposals do not conform to all the terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to lease, the Board may lease the property in accordance with Education Code 17477 (Education Code 17476, 17477)

Of the proposals submitted by responsible bidders which conform to all terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to sell or lease, the Board shall finally accept the highest bid after deducting the commission, if any, to be paid to a licensed real estate broker, unless the Board accepts a higher oral bid or rejects all bids. (Education Code 17472)

The final acceptance of the bid may be made either at the same meeting specified in the resolution or at any adjourned/continued meeting held within 10 days. Upon acceptance of the bid, the Board may adopt a resolution of acceptance that directs the Board president, or any other Board member, to execute the deed or lease and to deliver the document upon performance and compliance by the successful bidder of all of the terms and conditions of the contract. (Education Code 17475-17478)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Use of Proceeds

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that proceeds from the sale or lease with an option to purchase of district surplus property are used in accordance with law. (Education Code 17462; 2 CCR 1700)

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

***Note: ABX4 2 (Ch. 2, Fourth Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009) added Education Code 17463.7 to authorize districts, until January 1, 2012, to use the proceeds from the sale of surplus real property, along with the proceeds from any personal property located on that real property, for any one-time general fund purpose. Districts that choose to exercise this authority will be ineligible for hardship funding from the SAB for five years after the proceeds are deposited. ***

***Note: Prior to exercising this authority, Education Code 17463.7 requires the Board to adopt a plan for expending the resources and to make specific certifications to the SAB, as specified below. Education Code 17463.7 contains additional requirements applicable to the sale of property purchased with proceeds from a local general obligation bond or revenue from developer fees. ***

Until January 1, 2012, the district may expend proceeds from the sale of surplus real property, along with the proceeds from any personal property located on that real property, for any one-time general fund purpose(s). Prior to exercising this authority, the Board shall certify to the State Allocation Board that: (Education Code 17463.7)

1. The district has no major deferred maintenance requirements not covered by existing capital outlay resources.

(cf. 3111 - Deferred Maintenance Funds)

2. The sale of real property pursuant to Education Code 17463.7 does not violate the provisions of a local bond act.

(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)

3. The real property is not suitable to meet projected school construction needs for the next 10 years.

Prior to exercising this authority, the Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a plan for expending these one-time resources. The plan shall identify the source and use of the funds and shall describe the reasons that the expenditure shall not result in ongoing fiscal obligations for the district. (Education Code 17463.7)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8469.5 *Use of school facilities or grounds for school age child care*
17219-17224 *Acquisition of property not utilized as school site; nonuse payments; exemptions*
17230-17234 *Surplus property*
17385 *Conveyances to and from school districts*
17387-17391 *Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities*
17400-17429 *Leasing property*
17430-17447 *Leasing facilities*
17453 *Lease of surplus district property*
17455-17484 *Sale or lease of real property, especially:*
17463.7 *Proceeds for general fund purposes*
17485-17500 *Surplus school playground (Naylor Act)*
17515-17526 *Joint occupancy*
17527-17535 *Joint use of district facilities*
33050 *Request for waiver*
38130-38139 *Civic Center Act*

GOVERNMENT CODE

54220-54232 *Surplus land, especially:*
54222 *Offer to sell or lease property*
54950-54963 *Brown Act, especially:*
54952 *Legislative body, definition*

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

21000-21177 *California Environmental Quality Act*
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
1700 *Definitions related to surplus property*

COURT DECISIONS

San Lorenzo Valley Community Advocates for Responsible Education v. San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, (2006) 139 Cal.App. 4th 1356

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity Through Joint Use of Facilities, Policy Brief, September 2009

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Closing a School Best Practices Guide

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PUBLICATIONS

Unused Site Program Handbook, May 2008

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, School Facilities Planning Division:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa>

Coalition for Adequate School Housing: <http://www.cashnet.org>

Office of Public School Construction: <http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>

Policy

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