

Kimberly School District #414
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY25
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
ITEM# 12B4 POLICY UPDATES

Changes in Idaho Code from the legislative session last spring have resulted in recommended changes for a number of our policies. Below is the latest round of policies in need of adoption or revision.

- **1st Reading Adopt Policy 2155 English Learner Program:** The recommended update from ISBA was prompted by HB 566 which allows school districts and public charter schools to allow certain English language learner students to be exempt from the IRI. Currently, we do not have a policy for an English Learner Program. As we have been following laws, rules and regulations, EL Director, Ruben Murillo, utilized the model ISBA Policy, policies from other districts, and guidelines from the SDE as resources to create the proposed policy 2155 English Learner Program.
- **1st Reading Revise Policy Exclusion for Pediculosis (Head Lice):** These updates emphasize the requirement to obtain parent consent before checking a student for head lice in accordance with SB 1329. Additionally, our school nurse, Joanna Horting, conducted a tremendous amount of research on this topic and recommends that our current policy is replaced by the ISBA model policy. The major difference is that the recommended policy follows guidance from the health provider community that students are not necessarily sent home when lice is discovered. Additionally, head lice checks cannot be conducted without parent permission.
- **1st Reading Revise Policy 3410 Student Health:** This update is based on SB 1329, which requires that health care providers have parent consent before providing any health service to a minor, with exceptions in some emergencies.
- **1st Reading Revise Policy 5430:** As it is the practice of the District to require drug testing and background checks for those contractors that will have unsupervised access to children, we would like to have it in policy.
- **1st Reading Revise Policy 7402 Restrictions on Contracts:** This update adds to the boycott-related restrictions on district/charter school contracts that require parties to the district/charter school contracts to sign various certifications. This is based on SB 1291, which requires contracts for greater than \$100,000 to include a certification that the entity contracted with does not and will not boycott certain industries, such as fossil fuel, timber, or firearms.
- **1st Reading Revise Policy 7425 Student Activity Fund:** This update was promoted by HB 450, which allows funds to be expended by a debit or credit card instead of just a "regular bank check."