

**SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM 8j

TITLE APPROVAL OF REVISED FACILITIES USAGE POLICY (consent)

FOR INFORMATION **FOR ACTION** **FOR DISCUSSION** 5/6/09 **OBJECTIVE** 5

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SITUATION

Last fall a District Facilities Usage Committee was formed to review facility usage across the District and compare usage fees to surrounding districts. The goal was to establish a common districtwide policy for facilities usage along with a standard fee structure. The revised fee structure and policy were created based on a comparison with neighboring school districts along with input from groups that use our facilities on a consistent basis. Participants on the committee consisted of representatives from each of the comprehensive high schools including administrators, school treasurers, plant managers, and performing arts center staff.

After the Board discussion on February 18, 2009, the committee reconvened and again discussed the plan based on Board input to staff. At the site level this revised facility usage plan and fee structure has been shared with various community groups that will be utilizing the sites' facilities on a regular basis in anticipation of its adoption by the Board. Staff will also place the plan and fee structure on the District website for easy access by the community as to steps and requirements for facility usage. Community groups will continue to reserve facilities through contact with the individual sites, but all fees and requirements will be consistent districtwide. The fee structure has not changed from the February Board meeting when it was presented to the Board as a discussion item.

In all, the revised policy strikes a balance of a fee structure that recognizes the true cost and impact of facility usage while also recognizing the need to make District facilities available to the community on an affordable basis. Under the new policy, facilities use fees would still be collected by sites and be utilized by sites to supplement student activity programs. The policy and new fee structure would go into effect July 1, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

No impact on the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approves the revised facilities usage policy as presented.