

## FISCAL MANAGEMENT

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The Superintendent of Education is responsible for preparing an annual budget for adoption by the Board of Trustees. (See procedures following.)

#### BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE

The school budget is a statement of policy when adopted annually by the Board of Trustees. Anticipated income is based on stated allocations from the federal government, the state, and local ad valorem tax within the limits prescribed by state law.

On or before AUGUST 1 of each year, the School Board, with the assistance of the Superintendent of Education, shall prepare and file with the levying authority for the school district, as defined in Section 37-61-9 two (2) copies of a budget of estimated expenditures for the support, maintenance and operation of the school district for the fiscal year commencing July 1 of such year.

In addition, on or before AUGUST 1 of each year, the School Board, with the assistance of the Superintendent of Education, shall prepare and file with the State Department of Education such budgetary information as the State Board of Education may require.

Prior to the adoption of a budget, the School Board shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget. The public hearing shall be held with advance notice at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget. After final adoption of the budget, a synopsis of such budget in a form prescribed by the State Department of Audit shall be published in the local newspaper on a date different from the date on which the county or municipality may publish its budget.

The Superintendent of Education with the approval of the School Board may revise the budget at any time during the fiscal year. The Superintendent of Education with approval of the School Board may transfer funds to and from functions within the budget when and where needed. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent or his designee and the Board to limit expenditure of school funds during the fiscal year to the resources available. No revision of any budget under the provisions hereof shall be made which will permit a functional expenditure in excess of the amounts available for such purpose. The Superintendent and Board shall authorize the District Business Manager to make adjustments as needed, provided the expenditures are limited to the resources available.

#### BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The allocation of the monies to the various departments within a school is the responsibility of the principal and/or the administrative officer of a particular division of a school and shall not exceed the total annual allocation for the school. Accreditation standards should be followed in making allocations.

#### BUDGET REQUISITIONS

Instructional supplies and equipment shall be requisitioned according to the district's purchasing cycle.

**FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS****DFC**

The Biloxi Public School District shall be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing the use of federal assistance funds and the operation of federal assistance programs.

Internal control systems shall be in place to provide reasonable assurances that laws and regulations are being followed.

No federal assistance programs funds shall be used in any way for partisan political activity. (Also see GAHB.)

The school district shall use all federal assistance funds designated for specific programs to supplement, not supplant, state and local funds. After federal funds are discontinued, the programs shall be maintained as needed and as determined by the administration.

Title II, Part A funds are prohibited from paying the salary of any teacher who does not meet the No Child Left Behind and the State of Mississippi's definition of "highly qualified" teacher.

The district shall treat all children in an equitable manner by seeing that all regular programs are available to bilingual students and that the bilingual program is in addition to the regular instructional program provided by the school district.

**GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS  
INVOLVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**DFP**

The Superintendent or his designee may approve the submission of any grant proposals with the stipulation that if funding is approved, the proposal will be brought to the Board of Trustees for acceptance prior to obligating the district in any way. All proposals must receive administrative and Board approval prior to submission.

A written description shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Education or his designee for approval, including the following:

1. Purpose (goals, objectives); nature of program
2. Source
3. Project or program timelines
4. Educational justification
5. Amount requested; total amount required to implement program/project
6. Subsequent cost to the district to maintain program, if applicable
7. Reports required

The Superintendent shall make a recommendation to the Board for approval or disapproval.

All grants must be accepted by the Board prior to implementation, and salaries identified in grants must be in conformance with the district salary schedule.

All funds received in the form of grants, awards, or program support must be turned in to the central business office to be deposited to a special account for each program or project. Requests for expenditure of funds will be made through requisitions as required in the handling of all other such requests for expenditures.

Grant recipients and/or supervisors of programs receiving financial assistance shall be required to keep a running account of grant expenses and maintain a working knowledge of budgetary considerations during implementation of the program or project. Grant recipients and/or supervisors of programs receiving financial assistance shall also be responsible for making all reports required in connection with receipt of such financial assistance, including final reports made to grant agencies or organizations.

## **GIFTS AND BEQUESTS TO BILOXI PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DFK**

When gifts are offered to the Biloxi Public School District by citizens, companies, etc., the Superintendent of Education will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees with regard to the gift, the nature of the gift, etc. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, the acceptance of the gift would be approved by the Board of Trustees. Such gifts will become the property of the school district. Gifts to the school district must be recorded on a form to be provided by the school district.

Gifts to individual schools, which meet the following criteria, must be considered for approval by the Superintendent of Education. A full description of the proposed gift and a statement of its educational benefits shall be submitted prior to the acceptance of the gift to any individual school.

The criteria for a gift to be acceptable shall include the following:

1. Must become the property of the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District.
2. Must be compatible with the district's goals, objectives, and standards.
3. Must have a legitimate school use.
4. Must not create an imbalance in educational programming for the school level involved.
5. Must not incur a district responsibility to replace when lost, stolen, or outmoded unless the loss of the item(s) results in a negative quantity of the item for that school when compared to the district standard for the school level involved.
6. Must be paid for in full by the donor with no outstanding liens.
7. Must be recommended by the administration.

Any school principal considering acceptance of a gift on behalf of the district shall follow district policies and procedures involving gifts to individual schools.

The principal shall obtain the Superintendent's approval of a gift prior to proceeding with any binding commitments or contract initiation. Any cost related to installation shall be borne by the donor. Approval of the gift by the Superintendent must be in writing and must be received by the principal before any action is taken to indicate acceptance of the gift by the district and/or the individual school.

**GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS/ADVERTISING****DFKA**

Any equipment, property, etc., purchased for or donated to the Biloxi Public School District must be formally accepted by the Board of Education pursuant to DFK. Such gifts and bequests will become the property of the school district.

The Board of Education specifically prohibits acceptance of items donated for display or distribution to students or staff which are promotional and/or which include advertising, logos, commercial, business, or organizational identification without the express written consent of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The Board recommends that organizations or individuals wishing to make monetary gifts to the district (other than for scholarships or specific educational uses approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education) consider donations to Biloxi First, Inc., a non-profit organization established to support innovative teaching. Donations to Biloxi First automatically increase the value of such gifts through participation of Biloxi First in the Gulf Coast Community Foundation program and the Biloxi First Endowment Fund.

The Superintendent of Education is authorized and directed by the Board of Trustees to invest excess funds in interest bearing accounts, money market certificates, certificates of deposit or U.S. Treasury notes. Said investments are to be made through local banks or savings and loan associations approved by the State for such deposits. The selection of the investments will be based on the one paying the greatest return quoted on the day of the investment. Quotes will be requested from institutions having other capital pledged as security as required by state law.

All earnings from funds other than bond funds or bond sinking funds, in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) in a fiscal year, invested according to the provisions of this policy shall be credited to the district fund from which the investment was made. Earnings from such school district funds which are less than one hundred dollars (\$100) in a fiscal year may be credited to the district maintenance fund. Earnings from funds invested out of the bond funds or bond sinking funds together with the principal thereof shall be deposited in the fund from which the investment was made.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prevent the payment of the earnings derived from the investment of bond proceeds or any other amounts in the bond fund or related reserve or sinking funds to the federal government to the extent required by the federal laws applicable to such bonds or the interest thereon in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

Separate bank accounts will be maintained on all debt service, capital project, and trust funds. The only bank accounts to be pooled with general funds are special revenue or agency funds, except for the food services special revenue funds which are to be maintained in a separate bank account.

The method to be employed to determine amounts of interest from pooled cash or pooled investment accounts is as follows: At the end of each month, the year-to-date expenses will be compared to the year-to-date revenue for each special revenue fund being pooled. For all such funds having a positive balance, a pro rata share of that month's interest will be the sum of that fund's positive balance divided by the total of positive balances, multiplied by the interest earned or received that month.

The interest allocated to individual special revenue funds will be credited to that fund's appropriate revenue account and debited to the appropriate district maintenance revenue account.

At the end of each month, the balances of interest accumulated in individual special revenue funds, in excess of the individual fund's needs, will be transferred to the district maintenance fund, accounted for as a transfer.

**RECEIPTING AND DEPOSITING OF FUNDS****DG**

All persons in the various offices that collect and deposit funds must issue a receipt, using a bound, pre-numbered receipt book, for all monies received by him/her. When deposits are made they are to be for all receipts written since the last deposit made and so indicated on the deposit slip. Deposits are to be made daily as money is collected so that funds are not left in the building overnight. Where a heavy-duty safe or locking vault is provided, change funds may be locked in same, provided it does not exceed limits allowed by the insurance company writing theft coverage for the school district (\$500). All monies disbursed will be in accordance with the policies as set forth elsewhere in these policies. The maximum amount permitted to be maintained in buildings overnight may not exceed the maximum allowed for "petty cash" budgets. The building administrator will be responsible for all money stored (please note policy DJB).

**BONDED EMPLOYEES - FIDELITY BOND**

**DH**

A blanket fidelity bond is in effect for all school employees in the sum of \$5,000 with greater amounts for certain employees of the district as required by state law.

**EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS****DJA**

The purchasing agents of the Biloxi Public School District are authorized to release payment warrants to vendors prior to School Board approval when it is in the best interest of the school district and/or economically feasible. The circumstances for early release of warrants are primarily (but not limited to) the following: (a) situations where interest would be due to vendors prior to the Board approval; (b) payments to athletic event workers to comply with the rules and regulations of the Mississippi High School Activities Association; (c) travel-related expenditures; (d) petty cash reimbursements; (e) postage; (f) field trip expenditures; (g) club account checks; (h) contracted expenditures, where a signed contract is in place; (i) refund of charges; (j) inter-fund transfers to balance accounts; (k) payroll-related payments/checks. All payments will be included, for approval, on the docket for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Payment warrants shall not be issued if the bill is in dispute or in situations when performance is incomplete to the satisfaction of the purchasing agent/s.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES****DJAA**

The School Board shall authorize the Superintendent, Business Director, and Purchasing Agent to sign checks on all school district accounts. If mechanical check signers are utilized, written policies and procedures shall be developed to safeguard such mechanical check signers. All checks must be signed by any two of the District personnel authorized to sign checks.

**PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS AND CHANGE FUNDS****DJB****Petty Cash**

A petty cash fund may be established to handle small payments for incidental items that occur at the local school and/or at the district administrative office. This would include such items as postage, express charges, small supplies and similar items. At no time shall any type of loan, personal or otherwise, be made from the petty cash fund.

The fund will be established by writing a check on the district maintenance fund for the proper amount as authorized by the School Board. This check will be issued at the beginning of the school year upon receipt of a check request from the principal/supervisor responsible for the fund.

Disbursements from the petty cash fund shall be supported by invoices and receipts. These invoice/receipts documentation shall remain with the petty cash fund until the fund is replenished. The sum of this documentation and the remaining cash shall, at all times, be equal to the original amount of the petty cash fund. This shall be periodically checked by the Business Office. The petty cash fund will be replenished when the cash is nearly exhausted. Replenishment takes place by presenting an itemized listing of all disbursements with documentation to the Business Office. After verification by the Business Office, a check is written for the amount of the listing and made payable to the person responsible for the petty cash fund. At the time the Business Office will enter the accounting data for the petty cash fund disbursements into the accounting records, thereby debiting the correct expense account.

The amount for petty cash accounts shall be set at \$200.00 for each school, including the Center for New Opportunities, and Career Technology Center. Also, the maintenance department, athletic department, technology/office of machine repair department, school food service department, transportation department and the central office shall be set at \$200.00. Any expenditure involving more than \$50.00 shall be considered in excess of the allowable reimbursement amount from the petty cash account. The requisitioning/purchase order procedure will be followed for amounts in excess of \$50.00. Petty cash accounts will be used for purchases of services and supplies only. No equipment will be purchased with petty cash funds.

At no time will petty cash be reimbursed in excess of the amounts of the petty cash account. Petty cash accounts must be presented for replenishment to the Business Office at the end of each quarter (9/30; 12/30; 3/30; and closed out for the fiscal year). No reimbursements will be permitted for expenditures crossing fiscal years.

All petty cash with receipts must be kept locked in a vault or fireproof cabinet in the building.

**Change Fund**

The Biloxi Public School District recognizes that from time to time, change is needed for certain events involving students' activities. Change funds shall not exceed \$4,000.00 for athletic events. Amounts for other change funds will be established on an as-needed basis, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Deposits shall be made to ensure that this amount does not exceed what is feasible to be on hand for upcoming events as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.

**PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT****DJC**

Personnel are to be paid on the last day of the calendar month in accordance with the terms of their contract. Deductions authorized or required by law are made each month. Other deductions will be made when requested by the employee for those items approved by the Board of Trustees. All requests for deductions by employees shall be in writing to the payroll services office. Salaries will be paid in accordance with the terms of the salary schedule for their job descriptions.

Before the first payment is made for each contract period, all personnel shall have on file in the personnel office the following:

- A. A signed contract for current school year
- B. All forms needed by the payroll services office
- C. Membership application to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
- D. Copy of licensed birth record or other acceptable proof of age
- E. Social Security card (photostat)

In addition to the above, licensed employees must also have on file:

- A. Complete application, together with not fewer than five (5) reference evaluations
- B. Valid/appropriate teaching license or notification of approval from Office of Teacher Certification
- C. Verification of prior teaching experience (if applicable)
- D. Official college transcript(s) for all degrees earned
- E. Verification of PRAXIS

In accordance with state law, the first payment of said contract for teachers shall be on the last day of the month in which students first begin attendance.

**PAYROLL PROCEDURES - REQUIRED FORMS**

**DJCA**

A Mississippi State Retirement Application and all required payroll forms, including a withholding statement, must be on file in the payroll office of the Biloxi Public School District before the employee reports for the first working day of the contract period. The district has adopted a payroll administrator system of internal control that is managed under supervisory assignments established by the district.

**SALARY DEDUCTIONS****DJCB**

Each payroll deduction not required by law must be approved by the Board of Education prior to implementation.

No solicitation for sales which would necessitate salary deductions will be allowed without prior approval by the administration.

Requests for payroll deductions must be made to the Superintendent of Education or his/her designated representative.

The Superintendent of Education will recommend approval or disapproval of the company and of each payroll deduction.

**SALARY DEDUCTIONS - SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE**

**DJCBA**

On July 1, 1954, all employees became eligible for Social Security coverage through a contract with the State Public Employees' Retirement System. In accordance with this contract, employee participation is mandatory.

**SALARY DEDUCTIONS - RETIREMENT BENEFITS****DJCBB**

On July 1, 1958, retirement benefits became available to all employees of the Biloxi Public Schools, in addition to teachers who were previously covered, through a contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System. Employee participation is mandatory for all employees--with certain exceptions. These exceptions and the benefits available are specified in the retirement brochure which can be obtained through the principal's office.

In accordance with state law, the Biloxi Public School District participates in group insurance programs. Payroll deductions only for district-approved insurance programs may be made upon request of the employee and with permission from the Superintendent of Education or his designated representative.

Consideration may be given to additional companies requesting permission to offer insurance to Biloxi Public Schools' employees only under the following conditions: (1) the company must agree in writing to offer full insurance coverage at the same group rate regardless of previous or existing physical, mental, or emotional conditions; (2) computer software program must be able to accommodate the required deductions in order to be considered. If the above two requirements are met and written permission is granted, then the company must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) employees who wish to enroll in the company insurance program.

**SALARY DEDUCTIONS - CREDIT UNION****DJCBD**

The Biloxi Teachers Federal Credit Union is a federally chartered credit union. Employees of the Biloxi Public School District are eligible for membership. Employee participation is voluntary and payroll deductions have been approved for employee convenience. The credit union offers employees an opportunity to earn on investments and to secure loans. Information can be obtained from the credit union office.

**TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY PROGRAMS****DJCBE**

1. Any regular full-time employee of the Biloxi Public School District, working at least 20 hours per week, is eligible to participate in an approved tax-sheltered annuity, voluntary insurance program.
2. Employee requests for termination of tax-sheltered annuity and other non-cafeteria voluntary insurance programs must be made in writing to the payroll office at least one (1) month prior to effective date.

Insurance companies will not be permitted to visit the schools without prior written approval of the Superintendent or his designee.

**GARNISHMENT OR LEVY****DJCBF**

Each employee of the school system is expected to attend to his/her own personal business affairs. When a garnishment or levy is received in the administration office, the employee, unless otherwise informed in writing, will be notified through the business office building principal or supervisor. The employee is then expected to secure a release before the next paycheck is issued. Failure to do so will result in such garnishments or levies being attached to the release for same and placed in that employee's personnel file.

**Out-of-District Travel**

It is recognized that by assignment or by request, individual employees of the Biloxi Public School District may have just cause to perform official school or district business travel. Such travel may include, but is not limited to, performance of prescribed duties, attendance of professional meetings, participation in workshops or seminars, service on educational committees, representation of the school or district at approved events, and pick-up or delivery of educational items, materials, equipment or personnel.

All requests to attend professional meetings shall be submitted in writing through the principal or immediate supervisor to the Personnel Director (or his designee) no later than ten (10) school days prior to the meeting/activity. Reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, registration, and other items related to these meetings or activities will be made only for personnel who attend with prior approval or at the request of the administration. Meal reimbursement will not be allowed for trips that do not require an overnight stay. Receipts must be attached to the School Business Leave form for all items other than meal per diem. Meals per diem reimbursement shall be based on the daily rate permitted by the Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 25-3-41; as amended.

Annually, the school district budget shall designate travel funds for the performance of administrative duties. When available, funds shall also be budgeted for teacher and other employee official travel. Travel may be approved with or without provisions for reimbursement.

When the appropriate authority approves out-of-district travel for reimbursement, the individual performing the travel shall be reimbursed according to rates and procedures as specified by Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 25-3-41., which serves as the procedure for this policy and in keeping with the standards set forth by the State Fiscal Management Board, other applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the Internal Revenue Code for non-taxable reimbursements. The Biloxi Public School District will change the rates at the beginning of the month following notification of rate changes to be in compliance with the rates used by the State of Mississippi. In-state and out-of-state high cost area reimbursements shall be made based upon the actual meal costs in those cities on a sliding scale, not to exceed the rates permitted by Mississippi Code of 1972.

Tickets for air travel or transportation by a private carrier may be purchased by the district upon approval of the school business form. Parking fees, tolls, limousine services, taxi fares from airport, tips, baggage and other miscellaneous charges will be reimbursed upon return of the school business form with the submission of receipts. Transportation in a private vehicle shall be reimbursed in the amount approved by Mississippi Code, Section 25-3-41. The Rand McNally mileage guide, with a 10% tolerance for travel at destination, will be the guide for determining mileage. Automobile mileage may not exceed the cost of round trip "Tourist Class" airfare for out-of-state trips. The school district will not be responsible for accidents or liable for damage resulting there from.

**In-District Travel**

It is recognized that certain positions within the Biloxi Public School District are required by job description to travel extensively within the school district. The Biloxi Public School District Board of Trustees authorizes the payment of standard travel reimbursement for in-district travel for the following positions under the guidelines provided:

- Teachers and teacher assistants with assigned duties at more than one school during the instructional day (maximum of 500 miles per month) and
- Student services and special needs personnel, including, but not limited to, nurses, bilingual tutors, homebound instructors, case managers, and functional behavior specialists required to provide services at more than one work site during the instructional day (maximum of 500 miles per month), and
- Support personnel such as maintenance personnel, technology personnel, and other office staff that are not provided a school vehicle for the performance of duties such as purchasing miscellaneous supplies and performing jobs at different schools (maximum of 500 miles per month), and

- Administrative personnel required to travel frequently to schools for purposes of performing normal job functions (maximum of 500 miles per month).
- Other employees as approved by the Superintendent (or his designee).

Such travel shall be from the site of initial reporting to the additional site/s at which prescribed contractual duties are performed. Such travel shall terminate each day at the last site at which contractual duties are performed.

Persons seeking reimbursement for in-district travel must maintain a Travel-Log-In-District form and submit the completed and signed log within five (5) working days following the last working day of the month for which the travel is claimed. The individual performing the travel shall be reimbursed according to rates and procedures as specified within the standards set forth by the State Fiscal Management Board, applicable sections of Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the Internal Revenue Code for non-taxable reimbursements. The Biloxi Public School District will change the rates at the beginning of the month following notification of rate changes to be in compliance with the rates by the State of Mississippi.

Mileage between district sites for reimbursement purposes shall be credited as shown on the chart of mileage provided by the District's Business Office.

All In-District travel must be approved by the supervisor of the position and may be denied if funding is not available.

Mississippi Code, Section 25-3-41, 1972 as amended.

**PURCHASES****DJE***Revised 04/15/08*

The Board of Education has selected and designated one person as its purchasing agent. The purchasing agent is the only person authorized to obligate school funds for procurement purposes. In the absence of the purchasing agent, the District Superintendent (or an interim designee assigned by the Superintendent) is authorized to obligate school funds for procurement purposes.

All purchases will be made under provisions of appropriate sections of the Mississippi Code, 1972, as amended.

The Board of Education has elected and designated the Superintendent of Education to determine emergency situations and to act as required by state law in carrying out all emergency purchases.

All purchases for any school activity made by school personnel, clubs, classes, or individuals will be made by use of an authorized purchase order substantiated by a requisition recommended for approval by the principal and/or the appropriate supervisor and any other designated school officials.

Requisitions for all school purchases will be submitted by authorized staff members only.

Purchases made without proper approval will be the personal obligation of the purchaser.

Provisions for purchases with principal's approval may be made from petty cash as established under Section DJEA.

**I. Purchasing**

Purchasing should be based on careful planning for both short and long range needs for materials, equipment, supplies and services.

A catalogue of items stocked in the school warehouse, with costs of these items, will be published and made available.

**II. Requisitions - purchase orders will be issued only upon receipt of a completed requisition**

- A. Type the requisition and include a clear, concise description of articles requested, quantities, pricing and budget account.
- B. Indicate catalog numbers of each item, page, and date of catalog, school or department name, date, and recommended vendor.
- C. The principal/supervisor must, after careful analysis of needs and budget, forward approved requisitions to the district purchasing department.
- D. If the requisition exceeds \$5,000.00, it will be forwarded to the Superintendent or his designee for approval. All purchases exceeding \$5,000.00 will be required to observe bidding regulations in accordance with State of Mississippi and Biloxi Public Schools bidding procedures.
- E. A minimum of two (2) weeks must be allowed for processing of requisitions during the regular school year. Exceptions to the minimum processing time are: requisitions requiring attached or additional information, requisitions required to observe bidding processes (exceed \$5,000.00), and/or incomplete requisitions.
- F. General fixed assets that cost \$1,000.00 or more and all assets referred to as "walkable" assets must be charged to an account having the appropriate function. An inventory is required at the end of each fiscal year for all general fixed assets. Note that carpeting, tile, drapes, shades, etc., are NOT general fixed assets. Appropriation numbers will be assigned by the business director/department. Authorization of appropriation numbers will occur only after verification of available funds.
- G. Requisitions should list items of a like nature which can be purchased from a single vendor and charged to the same account. Do NOT mix supplies and equipment on the same requisition which are to be purchased from two vendors or charged to two accounts.
- H. The principal or administrator must maintain a file of all open orders in the school or administrative office.
- I. Disapproved requisitions will be returned to the originating source. Principals and other supervisors having budgetary responsibility must deduct all purchases from accounts' budget balances. Over-budget situations will be dealt with by the appropriate supervisor.

### III. How the purchase is made

- A. Purchases totaling below \$5,000.00 will be handled on an open market basis, unless the bidding process will be beneficial in relation to time and cost.
- B. Purchases totaling between \$5,000.00 and \$50,000.00 may be secured by observing State procurement procedure for: the formal bidding process, informal bidding process, State contract purchasing, and/or single source purchasing. Once the requisition is approved by the Superintendent, a purchase order will be issued. The purchase information and/or tabulations will be presented as "after-the-fact" at the next School Board meeting.
- C. Purchases above \$50,000.00 may be made through the formal bidding process (with exceptions noted below) only after advertising for competitive sealed bids for two (2) consecutive weeks. The bid opening must be at least seven (7) working days after the last published notice. Bids on construction projects in which the estimated cost is in excess of \$15,000.00 shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The awarding of contracts will meet specifications and other requirements as stated by state purchasing laws and School Board policies. Exceptions to purchases over \$50,000.00 are: purchases made through the State of Mississippi State Contracting process; purchases made through the Single Source process; services and/or resale items.
- D. Specifications necessary for bidding processes must be typed and mailed by the purchasing office to all vendors prior to official openings. The person who initiates the requisition has the responsibility of providing the purchasing office with clear and complete specifications. Any quotes that accompany a requisition are to be considered only as guidelines and will not take the place of quotes by the purchasing office unless they are deemed acceptable by the purchasing agent/manager.
- E. Bids and quotes are officially received by the purchasing office. Recommendations to the Board will be based on lowest price, consistent with quality and service. The best interest of Biloxi Public Schools shall be given first consideration. The lowest and best bid is the lowest bid meeting specifications. When the best bid is not the lowest bid received, a reason for recommending rejection must be presented to the Board during the formal bid approval process. If the bids received are on technical items unfamiliar to the purchasing manager, evaluation will be made in conjunction with the using department and/or any other authoritative source available.
- F. Upon approval by the Board, when Board action is required, a purchase order is processed and mailed to the successful bidder.

### IV. Authority to issue purchase orders

- A. All purchases of goods, services, and equipment for which the Board will be responsible for payment must be made on an official purchase order, properly approved and executed, except as is indicated in section "C" below. Purchase orders will be issued only by the district purchasing agent or District Superintendent. Each purchase order must be accompanied by a requisition properly approved. See #II preceding.
- B. No person is authorized to pick up, receive, or receipt any material, supply or service for Biloxi Public Schools unless proper authority is secured through the purchasing agent and/or business manager/director.

C. The Biloxi Public Schools recognizes that there may be instances when it will be necessary to depart from normal purchasing procedures. With that in mind, the following exceptions for purchases above \$5,000.00 are authorized. The purchase information will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

1. Emergencies - The Superintendent has authority to determine that an emergency condition exists such that a delay for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the Board of Trustees. In such cases, the provisions for competitive bidding shall not apply and the Board shall approve payment for such emergency purchase or repair evidenced by a written description of the event in the next Board minutes.
2. Repairs to equipment
3. Perishable supplies or foods purchased for use in connection with the school lunch, or homemaking programs.
4. Purchases secured through the state contract and EPL, K-12 ELL programs.
5. Purchases of all types of insurance and bonds.
6. Purchases of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products, provided the purchasing office documents the solicitation of quotes/bids to secure the lowest and best price or participate in the State Contract Purchasing Program.
7. Any and all payments in connection with employee payrolls.
8. Utilities.
9. Emergency travel reimbursements.
10. Waste pick-up services and recycling services.
11. Auditing services.
12. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only (Single Source items).
13. Other defined services authorized by the Superintendent of Education.
14. Resale items (sales tax must be included in the initial purchase of resale items).

V. Food Service

The District Food Service Department will observe the District procedures for procurement, State Child Nutrition Program guidelines and Federal USDA regulations. The District Food Service Department is authorized to utilize a food service management organization to coordinate and operate meal preparations and serving procedures. The food service department may actively participate in the state food purchasing program.

## VI. Activity fund purchases

- A. Purchases made from school activity funds which are financed in total with public funds must comply with State purchasing regulations.
- B. Activity funds must follow the procedures of Section VII-XI below.

## VII. Receiving procedures/Timely Payments Law

- A. The public purchases law, as amended by House Bill 999 of the 1986 legislature (known as the Timely Payments Law) specifically requires keeping a record of the dates of receipt, inspection, and approval of the goods or services purchased. Payments are required to be made not later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the invoice and receipt, inspection and approval of the goods or services; but in the event of a bona fide dispute, only the amount not disputed is to be paid, with settlement of the dispute within thirty (30) additional days.
- B. Acceptance: Each delivery received at the school or warehouse must be inspected and approved within one (1) calendar week from its arrival. The building administrator/supervisor must inspect and approve the shipment, recording dates received, inspected and approved.
- C. Receiving copy of purchase orders: Immediately following receipt and inspection, the principal must forward to accounts payable either 1) the receiving copy of the purchase order indicating the date received and signature of approval, or 2) a letter or memo to accounts payable explaining why the shipment is not approved for payment. Since partial shipments must now be paid for rather than waiting for back-orders to clear, the school may request cancellation of back-orders. Valid reasons for not paying an invoice in its entirety include: the quantity shown as shipped was not received; and items were substituted from the original order and are not acceptable

## VIII. Purchase and repairs

- A. Individual requisitions for purchases amounting to \$5,000 or more must be approved by the Superintendent or his designee.
- B. Calls for routine repairs must be placed either by or with the approval of the purchasing agent, director of maintenance, or technology director for the purpose of maintaining a repair log, and where applicable, obtaining an estimate of the cost involved.
- C. Calls for services for pest control and fire extinguisher work should be directed to the Director of Maintenance, where a repair/service log is to be maintained.
- D. Calls for telephone repair service should be directed to the District Technology Director. Requests for new telephone service must have approval of the Superintendent.

## IX. Preview materials

- A. Preview materials are to be requested by letter addressed to the vendor with an identified list of materials. The letter should be signed by the principal and/or director. A copy of the letter requesting preview materials is to be forwarded to the purchasing agent by the principal or director.
- B. The following statement is to be included on all letters requesting preview materials: "Should the materials receive local approval and budgetary funds are available, a purchase order will be issued by the district; otherwise, the preview materials will be returned promptly."

X. Publications

Publications will be requested in the same manner as other purchase requests, using the purchase requisition procedure.

XI. The following is a group of policies and procedures to be employed in the utilization of any district budget, class, club, or activity fund:

A. Petty cash purchases (also see DJB)

Each principal/supervisor assigned an annual budget shall have a Petty Cash Fund, as determined by the business manager with the approval of the Superintendent. A report must be completed, listing each disbursement, and must be submitted for replenishment. A paid receipt for each expenditure must accompany the replenishment request. Where a cash ticket or receipt cannot be obtained, a statement signed by the individual receiving the cash shall suffice (statement must include description of items purchased, together with quantity and costs). Each custodian of a petty cash fund will be personally responsible for the amount of petty cash in his/her custody.

1. Principal/supervisor approval must be secured before the purchase.
2. The principal/supervisor may advance cash, pending an invoice after purchase is completed.
3. The appropriate account will be charged with the expenditure when the principal/supervisor's Petty Cash Fund is reimbursed.
4. If the principal/supervisor's Petty Cash Fund is in the process of being replenished and a specific need arises, the accounting office may issue an advance to the principal/supervisor for specific expenditures.
5. Reimbursements to petty cash funds are not to exceed \$200.00. Petty cash funds may be replenished on a monthly basis, but all must be replenished on a quarterly basis.

B. Purchases for planned activities where supplies can be determined well in advance:

1. A requisition should be prepared, itemizing the needed supplies and bearing the club sponsor's and the principal's/supervisor's signatures.
2. The standard purchasing procedures will be followed. Targeted purchase order issuance time is two (2) weeks.
3. If the requisition exceeds \$5,000.00 and will be \$50,000.00 or below, price quotations may be secured from at least two vendors by the purchasing agent. Tabulation by the purchasing agent and approval of the award by the Board of Trustees are required. The requisition may also follow the formal bid process.
4. If the requisition exceeds \$50,000.00, formal bid procedures, state contract purchasing, or single source processing is required.

C. Purchases of supplies and goods for resale (these purchases may be considered as one-source items):

1. The originator shall obtain prior approval from the principal/supervisor, and the Superintendent of Education or his designee, must approve in writing all fund-raising activities prior to arrangement for the purchase of the supplies for resale. All booster clubs, PTA organizations, and other outside activity groups will secure permission prior to arrangement for purchase of items for resale.

2. No activity or fund-raising project shall employ any elementary student in door-to-door or off-campus solicitation.
3. A requisition for purchase of supplies for resale shall be prepared and processed according to District purchasing procedures.
4. The Biloxi Public School System will not receive deliveries nor accept responsibility for fund raising items or items for resale sponsored by outside organizations such as PTA, booster clubs, etc.

D. Purchase of equipment.

A requisition will be submitted to the principal/supervisor and designated school officials. Normal purchasing procedures will be followed.

E. Cash collections:

Any cash collection from a student or for any club or activity will be receipted through a prenumbered receipt book by the principal's office and deposited daily into the proper fund.

F. Accounting:

The Accounting Office will maintain separate funds for each secondary school club or activity and one general fund for each school. However, only one bank account will be used. Receipts will be classified as to source and expenditures by object classification for each fund. Previous year's balance and receipts less disbursements will equal current balance. The balance will be reconciled upon request of the principal. At the end of each fiscal year, all accounts will be audited by the CPA firm which audits the school accounts.

G. Payment of purchase orders:

Prior to payment of a purchase order, the Accounts Payable Office must have the following:

1. Purchase order copy;
2. Itemized invoice (not a monthly statement) or receipt;
3. Receiving copy of the purchase order;
4. Presentation on the Monthly Docket of Claims. Estimated time is within forty-five (45) days after completion of the order.

H. Receiving of goods and services:

When a purchase order is issued, the original is filed with the vendor; the second copy is filed with the purchasing department; the third copy is filed with the receiving department; and the fourth copy is filed with the accounting department. All purchase orders are normally delivered to the warehouse. However, if the goods purchased are perishable, or if the vendor will not make delivery, a principal or supervisor, with the approval of the purchasing agent, can receive the goods and will be sent the receiving copy of the purchase order. Unless a principal or supervisor has the receiving copy, said principal or supervisor should not receive the goods directly from the vendor or freight company, but should direct delivery to the school warehouse. In the event that the originator feels that it is necessary for goods to be delivered directly to the school, the District Purchasing Agent may, upon written request of the originator, approve such direct deliveries.

When goods are received by a principal or supervisor, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Before signing the freight bill, check contents to assure that there is no damage which occurred in transit. Verify quantities received against the vendor's packing list or delivery ticket. If there are any exceptions, write these on the face of the freight bill and have driver sign the bill on its face. Then sign as to receipt of the goods with exception noted. If contents are damaged beyond use, refuse shipment for return to vendor and notify the purchasing agent.
2. If goods are acceptable and purchase order is complete, sign receiving copy of order and attach freight bill copy and packing list and send to purchasing department. If there is an exception as to condition, quantity over or short, or damage in transit, notate same on receiving copy of order before sending it to purchasing department.
3. After receiving goods and sending receiving copy of purchase order to accounting, if goods are found to be defective or if there is any other exception, notify purchasing agent.
4. When delivery is received from the school warehouse, verify quantities before signing for delivery.
5. Items 1-3 will ensure compliance with current ICC regulations and the Uniform Commercial Code as to receipt of goods. If the procedures are not followed, the school district will be liable for payment for defective or missing goods.

I. Activity Transportation, Travel, Meals, and Lodging:

Transportation - School buses can be used for field trips where scheduling permits. Since the school district has a limited number of buses, private transportation by parents, teachers, and others is permissible for local trips. The school district will pay for transportation or provide transportation only as follows:

1. Private transportation - Prevailing rate per mile. Payment will be made by requisition approved in advance by principal/supervisor and Superintendent of Education or his designee.
2. Public carrier transportation - A requisition should be submitted in advance at least five (5) weeks before the trip is to be made. The bus companies need a minimum of four (4) weeks to schedule.
3. Student Meals - Payment only on an approved requisition will be made by the school district as follows: An allowance of \$3.00 per person for breakfast; \$5.00 for lunch; and \$7.00 per person for the evening meal.
4. Lodging - The school district will issue a purchase order based on the requisition from the appropriate account and approved by the principal and the Superintendent of Education or his designated representative
5. Any cost incurred shall be charged to the appropriate account.
6. The Director of Transportation shall invoice the appropriate account for use of district-owned school buses.
7. The Superintendent of Education, or his designee, at his/her discretion, may approve additional expenditures.

J. Payment for working at athletic events;

Workers for senior high school and junior high school athletic events will be paid according to the scale established by the Board of Trustees.

The Athletic Fund will be charged for these expenses.

**PURCHASING - PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT**

**DJEAA**

Before payment is made by the Biloxi Public School District in connection with any purchase order, the vendor must complete the purchase order to the extent that in the interpretation of school personnel it is substantially complete; i.e., it fulfills and meets the requirements of the school district as determined by the purchasing agent or his/her designee. The vendor will send the invoice to the district only upon such completion.

All terms and conditions listed on purchase orders of the Biloxi Public School District will be made a part of the district's bid proposal letter, which the vendor will accept by signing and submitting with the bid.

#### Refreshments/Meals at Board Meetings

A meal or refreshments may be provided for meetings or training sessions of the School Board when such is deemed necessary to prevent disruption of business if the Board determines that such is a necessary and reasonable expense of the meeting. These meals will be provided to the School Board members in lieu of reimbursement for meals, as authorized by Section 37-6-13 of Mississippi Code.

#### Professional Development and Staff Meetings

Reasonable refreshments may be provided for meetings and training sessions related to the professional development and staff meetings of the Biloxi Public School District employees. Professional development and staff meetings should be scheduled to cause as little inconvenience to staff members as possible. Additionally, working breakfasts, lunch and dinner meals may be provided when necessary to prevent interruption of the meeting and are consistent with related goals or functions of the District.

#### Student Meals and Refreshments

Activity funds (and athletic funds) may be used to provide the cost of meals for students participating in events and competitions. The students who are provided meals must be representing the Biloxi Public School District in school related programs, and the amount used for meals must be deemed reasonable and approved by the principals or athletic director and the Superintendent (or his designee).

#### Federal Programs

Federal programs may also provide meals and/or refreshments for parents and/or students in conjunction with meetings with teachers in furthering goals and objectives of the federal project, as approved by the State Department of Education.

**PURCHASES BY EXTERNAL GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS**

**DJEAB**

All purchases by external groups or organizations, intended for school use must have approval by the Board of Education. The items, when purchased for school use, will become the property of the Biloxi Public School District.

**PURCHASING - BIDS AND QUOTATIONS**

**DJED**

All bids in excess of \$10,000.00 must be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the total cost of the bid items. A licensed check may be substituted in lieu of a bid bond. Such bid bond must be issued by a licensed agent, and all bids must comply with any and all other provisions of Mississippi State Law and any other regulations which may be specified by the Board of Education.

A performance bond is required when determined appropriate by the Board of Education. A licensed check may be substituted in lieu of a performance bond.

*Adopted July 17, 2007*

The Biloxi Public Schools' Board of Education hereby adopts the following policies and procedures as the Biloxi Public School (District's) Fixed Assets Accountability Plan. In compliance with standards established by the State Auditor's Office for verification of fixed assets and the auditing of fixed assets records, the following will be observed in the managing of all fixed assets. The District Business Director will assign a district fixed assets manager and a site inventory manager for each site within the District.

#### **I. Verification of fixed assets**

##### **A. Accounting policies:** classifications

1. Definitions of all major fixed asset classifications
  - i. Land—includes all land owned by the school district.
  - ii. Buildings—includes all buildings owned by the school district. Primarily: school buildings, administration buildings, athletic field houses, gymnasiums/auditoriums and portable classrooms.
  - iii. Improvements other than buildings—includes all athletic fields, lighting, bleachers, and other improvements that can not be directly associated with a particular building.
  - iv. Mobile equipment—includes all school buses and district-owned automobiles, trucks, vans, lawn maintenance equipment, tractors, etc.
  - v. Furniture and equipment—includes all furniture and equipment contained in the buildings of the school district that meet asset capitalization requirements of the school district.
  - vi. Leased property under capital leases—includes all fixed assets that are being acquired under a lease/purchase arrangement.
  - vii. Construction in progress—includes all buildings and facilities that are currently under construction.

##### **B. Valuation:** In addressing the valuation of fixed assets, the following will be observed.

1. All purchased assets will be valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost where original cost verification is unavailable.
2. All donated assets will be valued at fair market value at the time of the donation.

##### **C. Interest Capitalization:** The school district will not capitalize interest unless required to do so by GAAP.

##### **D. Capitalization:** The following capitalization process of all fixed assets will be used (capitalized).

1. The district will capitalize all assets with a useful life of greater than one year and with a historical cost of at least \$500.00.
2. The district will capitalize all "highly walkable" items. "Highly walkable" items will include but not be limited to:
  - i. Appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, stoves, microwaves, etc.)
  - ii. Cameras and camera equipment
  - iii. Cellular phones
  - iv. Chain saws
  - v. Computer components
  - vi. CPU components (external hard drives, printer, scanner, fax)
  - vii. Dictating equipment
  - viii. DVDs
  - ix. Generators
  - x. Lawn maintenance equipment (blowers, mowers, weed eaters, etc.)
  - xi. Motorized vehicles
  - xii. Radios (two-way)
  - xiii. Tape recorders
  - xiv. Televisions
  - xv. Typewriters
  - xvi. VCRs

xvii. Welding Machines

E. **Depreciation:** The following depreciation process, for capital assets, will be used.

1. Depreciation will be determined on a yearly basis for all capitalized equipment.
2. The straight-line method of depreciation will be utilized in determining depreciation increments.
  - i. Calculation will be based on historical cost less the residual or salvage value of the asset over the useful life in equal annual portions.
3. The capitalization thresholds (for financial statement purposes) will be:
  - i. Land 0
  - ii. Buildings \$50,000
  - iii. Building Improvements \$25,000
  - iv. Improvements Other than Buildings \$25,000
  - v. Mobile equipment \$ 5,000
  - vi. Furniture & Equipment \$ 5,000
  - vii. Leased Property Under Capital Leases (threshold of the related asset.)
  - viii. Construction in Progress 0
4. The 'useful lives' thresholds will be:
  - i. Buildings 40 years
  - ii. Building improvements 20 years
  - iii. Improvements other than buildings 20 years
  - iv. Cars & trucks 5 years
  - v. Buses & vans 10 years
  - vi. Heavy outdoor equipment 07 years
  - vii. Furniture & Equipment
    1. Computer equipment 03 years
    2. Other furniture and equipment 07 years
  - viii. Leased property under capital leases
    1. The salvage value of the related capital asset will be used.

## II. Maintenance system for fixed assets

- A. **Data element identification:** The school district will initially identify the data elements required for both internal and external reporting requirements. When possible, the district will capture the following data elements for all capital assets: major asset class, acquisition date, location code, identification tag number, description, serial number, model number, acquisition cost, funding source and check/purchase order numbers.
- B. **Tagging:** The school district will tag all assets that are capitalized. All tags will contain an identification number, bar code and the inscription "Property of Biloxi Public Schools." The school district will not tag automobiles, trucks, buses or real property. Capitalized assets will be tagged within a reasonable period of time after acquisition of that asset. All purchased and donated equipment will be delivered to the warehouse or delivery will be coordinated with the warehouse manager. Representatives of the warehouse, OMR departments or the District inventory manager will be responsible for tagging all equipment.
- C. **Donated equipment** must be approved by the School Board. Once approved, all donated equipment will be treated in the same manner as purchased equipment.
- D. **Reports and maintenance of inventory system:** The following procedures, time lines and reports will be observed in the maintenance of records for capitalized equipment/assets.
  - a. A summary of capital assets by major capital asset classification will be maintained on a monthly basis. Additions and deletions by major capital asset classification will be included in the summary.
    - i. A separate summary of additions of capital assets by major capital asset classification will be maintained on a monthly basis.
    - ii. A separate summary of deletions of capital assets by major capital asset classifications will be maintained on a monthly basis.
  - b. A detailed report listing all capital assets by major capital asset classification will be prepared on an annual basis.
  - c. The **District's fixed assets manager** will serve as the **district inventory manager** and be responsible for assurance of adherence to the policies and procedures for fixed assets.
  - d. The **site inventory manager** will observe the following procedures.

- i. An Inventory Assignment form, for new and donated equipment, must be verified, completed and returned to the District's inventory manager.
- ii. Equipment moved from room to room must be updated in the Maintain Fixed Assets file on the District's web listing.
- iii. Only representatives of the District Office Machine Repair (OMR) department or the District inventory manager can authorize movement of equipment from site to site. When equipment is moved from site to site, a copy of the OMR Equipment Movement form will be presented to the site inventory manager. This form must be retained in the site's records. The site inventory manager will complete the Inventory Adjustment Control Form and attach a copy of the OMR Equipment Movement form. Both the adjustment form and the photocopy will be filed with the District's inventory manager.
- iv. A hand receipt or statement of responsibility must be on file for all equipment that is removed from school property by school personnel (i.e., cell phone, digital camera, laptop computer, etc.).
- v. Equipment that is beyond repair will be declared as a disposal item.
  1. A written request (in letter, email or memo form) for disposal must be initiated by the site inventory manager.
  2. The request must include the inventory tag number, serial number and description of the item/s.
  3. The request for disposal must be sent to the District inventory manager on a monthly basis.
  4. The District's OMR department representative or the District inventory manager will be responsible for physically inspecting the equipment and determining if it is a disposal item.
  5. The School Board must approve all equipment for disposal. The disposal date will be the date of the Board's approval.
- vi. Stolen equipment must be reported immediately to the District's inventory manager. A copy of the police report must be attached to the original Inventory Adjustment Control form which identifies the stolen equipment.
- vii. An annual inventory count sheet (distributed by the District's inventory manager) must be completed in a room to room verification process. Each annual inventory count sheet must be signed and returned to the District's inventory manager by the designated date (determined by the District's inventory manager on an annual basis). Changes to the annual inventory count sheet must be noted directly on the sheet. Copies of the appropriate forms must be attached to the annual inventory count sheet for all removals and/or additions.
- viii. "Write-offs" or other adjustments to the capital assets account records brought about by the result of a physical inventory procedure must be approved by the School Board.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND MANAGEMENT****DK**

Expenditures of activity funds shall be limited to those items specifically listed and authorized under Section 37-7-301 (t) of the Mississippi Code, as amended by the 1982 Legislative Session.

Such funds shall be centralized in the central accounting office of the school district, utilizing a system of accounting, budgeting, and reporting which shall be in conformity with generally accepted principles and standards of governmental accounting and with legal requirements.

Such funds shall be audited annually by a licensed public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The audit report of such funds shall conform to the format prescribed by the Director of the State Department of Audit.

It is the desire and express intent of the school administration staff to comply with the state laws and inherent moral and public responsibility regarding purchasing, payment, and accounting for student activity and/or club funds.

Any funds raised in the name of the Biloxi Public Schools are public funds and must be treated accordingly, even though they are restricted to special purposes as to use. Purchases utilizing these funds will be made in accordance with "procedures for contracts and purchasing." (Also see Policy DJEA, Policy JHB and Policy JHBA.)

It is the administration's desire to facilitate the use of these funds, maintaining the precepts stated above as efficiently and easily as possible.

Funds raised by PTAs are not public funds for which the school system is responsible.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND MANAGEMENT -ITEMS PURCHASED FOR RESALE**

**DKB**

In accordance with State Sales and Use Tax Laws, any item purchased for resale to students is taxable at the rate of seven (7) percent. The vendor is required to bill the school system for this tax and pay the tax to the State Tax Commission. Sponsors of student activities involving purchase of items for resale to students must consider this charge and require the inclusion of this tax in any agreement with the vendor for such items.

**CASH IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS - RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OF FUNDS -  
HANDLING OF CASH**

**DL**

All funds collected within the school must be remitted to and accounted for through the business office. This includes vending machine funds, sunshine funds, school store funds, and any other funds not previously sent to the business office.

Money collected within the school must be deposited daily. It is the responsibility of the building principal and/or those staff members designated by him/her to see that money collected is deposited daily. The only exceptions that will be made to this policy are those identified as emergency situations. Those emergencies must have the prior approval of the Director of Business Management. The cashing of checks from school funds is prohibited.

**SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSAL - DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE OR SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**DO**

Equipment and supplies belonging to the Biloxi Public School District which are outdated and depreciated to the point that they have no further useful value or which are in excess of current and foreseeable needs shall be disposed of. The Superintendent of Education shall, on an as needed-basis, inform the Board of Trustees concerning the disposal of surplus or obsolete property, in accordance with procedures outlined in state law, Section 37-7-455, Mississippi Code 1972, Annotated.

Any and all properties purchased by the Biloxi Public School District become the property of the school district and are administered by the Board of Trustees. In accordance with state law, when the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District shall desire to sell such property, it shall pass a resolution that same be advertised for sale upon competitive bids in a manner provided by Section 37-7-455 of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated restated herein.

A sample of the resolution to be passed by the Board of Trustees is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District owns the following described property which is no longer needed or used for school purposes, to wit:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to advertise for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the above described property, in the manner prescribed by Section 37-7-455 of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated. Procedures will be observed in accordance with Mississippi Code, Sections 37-7-433; 37-7-471; 37-7-473; 37-7-475; & 37-7-479;

Disposition of:

School buses not needed or used by the Biloxi Public School District shall be considered as disposable or obsolete property and shall be treated as stated above; the following additional procedure must be followed, however, in such disposition.

The Board of Trustees must submit in writing to the State Department of Education/Department of Transportation, a request for permission to dispose of such school buses and other vehicles purchased with State funds. Upon receipt of written permission, disposal of such property shall proceed in accordance with Sections 37-7-453 through 37-7-479 of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated.

Disposition of property of the Biloxi Public School District acting as a school food authority, when acquired in whole or in part with federal non-food assistance funds or with food service funds, requires notification to the state office requesting instructions for the disposition of such property. Title to such property is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District, acting as the school food authority. Procedures for disposal of such property and equipment will correspond to those outlined above, in accordance with Section 37-7-455 through Section 37-7-479 Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated.

Proceeds of the sale of such property and equipment are to be placed in the School Food Authority Fund.

Property and equipment purchased with funds from special grants or categorical aid programs from federal, state, or other sources will be titled to and be controlled by the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District. Disposition of such property and equipment, when no longer needed or used by the school district, will be considered as disposable or obsolete property or equipment and shall be treated in accordance with the methods stated supra, unless published regulations from such grantee has established rules to the contrary.

In general, property and equipment acquired with federal project funds operate under a common set of guidelines, rules and regulations. These are as follows:

1. Any item no longer needed in any federally assisted program which had an acquisition cost of less than \$1,000 and has been used four years or more may be used by the recipient without reimbursement to the federal government or sell the property and retain the proceeds.
2. Before disposition of any item costing in excess of \$1,000 is made, the Biloxi Public School District must request instructions from the appropriate State Education Agency, with an intent to reimburse the federal government for a pro rata share of the proceeds. In such sale, the school district may retain \$100 or 10% or the proceeds, whichever is greater, for selling and handling expenses.