## 4630 Holding Office (Non-Political)

The Board District realizes that staff members will be recognized in their respective organizations (professional, fraternal, civic, union, etc.; political covered by another policy) with encouragement to seek or hold office in those groups. The Board District also has the responsibility for seeing that the teaching of children students and the obligation of school district funds in all forms including salary, travel expenses, or pay for substitutes is accomplished in a satisfactory manner.

Therefore, should any certified staff member desire to seek an office for any organization that would require time away from school, the individual will work with their supervisor and the Human Resources Manager approach the Board before the campaign and election to request that such time be allowed. The staff member involved will present a close approximation of the days he/she they would be absent along with the suggestions for dealing with his/her their professional assignment during such absence. All requests will be approved by the Board.

Staff members who accept appointive or elective offices without first gaining permission from their supervisor and Human Resources will be required of the Board should be planning to use their convenience days available leave to do so or take a pay dock.

The Board will maintain guidelines for district or state offices but will handle requests for offices in national organizations individually upon the merits of each request.

No employee will be granted more than 10 days of absence from his/her assignment for requests covered in this policy, nor should this policy be interpreted as a guarantee of 10 days for a request.

If the Board grants days to an employee in response to a request, the number of days will not necessarily be increased if the employee presents other requests to serve. It will be the employee's responsibility to utilize the approved days to best meet all commitments accepted by said employee.

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