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MEMORANDUM 22-24

To: School Board Members

From: Theo Cramer, Ed.D
Superintendent

Subject: History of Policy FFA: Naming School Facilities

Several questions have surfaced regarding policy FFA: Naming School Facilities. The information below provides a synopsis of events based on a research of division records and discussions with staff.

In carrying out our due diligence on the renaming of the CTE facility, the division learned in June 2022 a policy related to naming school facilities, FFA, was referenced in other policies. Policy FFA was not on the division's website, and research shows it had not been on the website since early 2016. A search for Policy FFA led to the discovery of a redlined version approved by the board in March 2015. Unbeknownst to staff at the time, there was another version of Policy FFA that was approved by the board in June 2015. As there was no information to show the policy had ever been repealed, and it was believed by staff that the March 2015 policy was the operative version at that time, the March 2015 version of the policy was added to the website on June 9, 2022.

The March 2015 version of the policy contains language providing an opportunity for public comment when naming facilities. The renaming was discussed at the June 2022 agenda for information, not for action, due to this policy language. Citizens were asked to submit any comments by June 30, 2022. The board voted at the July 2022 meeting to amend the agenda to remove the renaming item. It was placed on the September 2022 agenda and voted on by the board.

At the monthly meeting in October 2022, the version of policy FFA believed to be correct, and the one now on the website, was presented to the board as a first read item as it was beyond the 5-year period for review, as required by state code.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact Dr. Cramer.

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