

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT INVESTMENTS**

Whenever the District has funds (including operating funds, reserve funds and proceeds of obligations) that exceed those necessary to meet current expenses, the Board will authorize the Treasurer to invest such funds in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and in conformity with the guidelines established by this policy.

**Objectives**

The objectives of this investment policy are four-fold:

- a) Investments will be made in a manner so as to safeguard the funds of the District.
- b) Bank deposits will be made in a manner so as to safeguard the funds of the District.
- c) Investments will be sufficiently liquid so as to allow funds to be available as needed to meet the obligations of the District.
- d) Funds will be invested in such a way as to earn the maximum yield possible given the first three investment objectives.

**Authorization**

The authority to deposit and invest funds is delegated to the Treasurer. These functions will be performed in accordance with the applicable sections of the General Municipal Law and the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The Treasurer may invest funds in the following eligible investments:

- a) Obligations of the State of New York.
- b) Obligations of the United States Government, or any obligations for which principal and interest are fully guaranteed by the United States Government.
- c) Time Deposit Accounts placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York, providing the account is collateralized as required by law. (Banking Law Section 237(2) prohibits a savings bank from accepting a deposit from a local government. This also applies to savings and loan associations.)
- d) Transaction accounts (demand deposits) both interest bearing and non-interest bearing that do not require notice of withdrawal placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York, providing the account is collateralized as required by law.

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- e) Certificates of Deposits placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York providing the Certificates are collateralized as required by law.
  - 1. Deposits in excess of the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will be secured in accordance with subdivision 3 of the General Municipal Law Section 10.
  - 2. The District may, in its discretion, authorize the bank designated for the deposit of District funds to arrange for the redeposit of such funds in one or more banking institutions, for the account of the District, through a deposit placement that meets the conditions set forth in General Municipal Law Section 10(2)(a)(ii).
- f) Securities purchased pursuant to a Repurchase Agreement whereby one party purchases securities from a second party and the second party agrees to repurchase those same securities on a specific future date at an agreed rate of return (the interest rate).
- g) Cooperative municipal investment programs providing there is collateralization as required by law.
  - 1. Have an attorney review proposed documents prior to establishing formal agreement.
  - 2. Work with the district's financial advisors to ensure investment options meet the school's objectives and is subject to the appropriate amount of risk.
  - 3. A Board resolution authorizing the District to invest through this municipal investment program is required as well as designating them as an official depository at the Annual Organizational meeting in July.

**Implementation**

Using the policy as a framework, regulations and procedures shall be developed which reflect:

- a) A list of authorized investments;
- b) Procedures including a signed agreement to ensure the District's financial interest in investments;
- c) Standards for written agreements consistent with legal requirements;
- d) Procedures for the monitoring, control, deposit and retention of investments and collateral which will be done at least once a month;
- e) Standards for security agreements and custodial agreements consistent with legal requirements;

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- f) Standards for diversification of investments including diversification as to type of investments, and firms and banks with whom the District transacts business; and
- g) Standards for qualification of investment agents which transact business with the District including, at minimum, the Annual Report of the Trading Partner.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments by participation in a cooperative investment program with other authorized governmental entities pursuant to Article 50 of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in applicable law, and the specific program has been authorized by the Board.

This policy will be reviewed and re-adopted at least annually or whenever new investment legislation becomes law, as staff capabilities change, or whenever external or internal issues warrant modification.

Education Law §§ 1604-a, 1723(a), 2503(1) and 3652  
General Municipal Law §§ 10 and 39  
Local Finance Law § 165

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