

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Regular Meeting**

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**Board Policy Update**

The Board reviewed changes to Board policies mandated by recent changes in law. New policy language includes the prohibition on campuses of electronic cigarettes, an updated list of items or services for which the district is allowed to charge fees to students, documentation required to ensure compliance of the food service program with federal requirements, and an extension of the term limit for members of a bond oversight committee to three 2-year terms rather than the previous limit of two such terms.

**School Board Governance Handbook**

The governance handbook specifies guidelines the Board should follow in order to ensure orderly, efficient, and transparent operations. The Board agreed to add protocols clarifying the roles of student Board members

**New High School Math Curriculum**

The Board heard and discussed a report on the math curriculum the high school is adopting to conform to Common Core standards. Whereas in the past, students started Algebra at the Middle School in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, then took Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II in 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades, in the future they will have integrated math classes in 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. In an integrated math class, students learn the same content they had before, but get more information about how the different mathematics disciplines relate to each other. It is also easier for a student to switch between accelerated and standard pathways when taking integrated math. Another advantage to the integrated curriculum is that the textbooks and supplemental materials for the integrated curriculum are currently better developed and superior to the common core materials available for the non-integrated pathway.

The options for advanced math courses such as calculus and statistics will be the same as before.