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PAYMENT PROCEDURES

School Board

Per Policy DA (Management of Funds), the superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for administering the division budget in accordance with board policies and applicable state and federal regulations, and laws; therefore, the superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to make expenditures and commitments of funds. However, the School Board reserves its right to examine upon request all claims against it, except those to be paid from petty cash funds or funds for the purchase of instructional materials and office supplies, and when approved, orders or authorizes payment thereof. A record of such approval and order or authorization is made in the minutes of the School Board. Payment of each claim shall be ordered or authorized by a warrant drawn on the treasurer or other officer charged by law with the responsibility for the receipt, custody and disbursement of the funds of the School Board. The face of the warrant shall state the purpose or service for which such payment is drawn and the date of the order entered or authority granted by the School Board.

The warrant shall be signed by the chairman or vice-chairman, and countersigned by the clerk or deputy clerk, and the Essex County Treasurer, made payable to the person or persons, firm or corporation entitled to receive such payment and recorded in the form and manner prescribed by the Board of Education.

Fiscal Agent

The School Board may, by resolution, appoint an agent and deputy agent to examine and approve claims against it. A record of such approval and order or authorization shall be made and kept with the records of the school board. Payment of each such claim so examined and approved by such agent or his deputy shall be ordered or authorized by a warrant drawn on the treasurer or other officer charged by law with the responsibility for the receipt, custody, and disbursement of the funds made available to the School Board. The warrant shall be signed by such agent or his deputy and countersigned by the clerk or deputy clerk of the School Board.

However, (1) when the agent is the Superintendent, who also occupies the position of School Board clerk, a countersignature from the chairman or vice-chairman is required and (2) when the deputy agent and the deputy clerk is one and the same person, the warrant must be countersigned by either the clerk or the agent of the School Board.

Each warrant shall be payable to the person or persons, firm or corporation entitled to receive payment. The face of the warrant shall state the purpose or service for which such payment is made and also that such warrant is drawn pursuant to authority delegated to such agent or his deputy by the School Board on the specified date.

Any such agent or deputy agent must furnish a corporate surety bond. The School Board shall set the amount of such bond or bonds and the premium therefore shall be paid out of funds made available to the School Board.

Special Warrants

The Essex County School Board may provide, by resolution, for the drawing of special warrants in payment of compensation, when such compensation has been earned and is due, for

- (i) all employees under written contract,
- (ii) all other employees whose rates of pay have been established by the school board or its properly delegated agent, upon receipt of certified time sheets or other evidence of service performed, and
- (iii) for payment on contracts for school construction projects according to the terms of such contracts.

All such special warrants shall be signed by the clerk or deputy clerk of the School Board and countersigned by the chairman or vice-chairman of the School Board and the Essex County Treasurer. Such payrolls and contracts so paid shall be reviewed and approved by the School Board at its next regular meeting. The School Board shall be provided monthly check registers for review

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Cross Refs.: DG Custody and Disbursement of School Funds

DJB Petty Cash Funds

DGD Funds for Instructional Materials and Office Supplies