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New ConstructionFacilities - Purpose

The District OR-1 Public Schools Board of Education intends to provide proper school facilities. Decisions regarding such facilities will be guided by the following principles:

1. Facilities will be constructed to a systematic multi-year plan developed to support the district's educational programs.
2. Facilities will be designed to satisfy instructional goals.
3. Facilities will be constructed for long-term occupancy and low maintenance costs.
4. Facilities will be designed with community use in mind.
5. Facilities will be designed in accordance with contemporary engineering technology and architectural practice.

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Facilities - Planning

The purpose of planning is to make the best possible provisions for the educational program. Decisions regarding planning and specifics for any individual building plan will start with program considerations and be adjusted as educational programs change.

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New ConstructionFacilities - Guidelines for Building New Schools or Remodeling Existing Schools

Education specifications including program and space requirements are to be developed by committees of teachers, patrons, board members, and administrators who meet with architects and engineers. Upon completion, the specifications and schematic building plans shall be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Generally, the content of a set of educational specifications would include all or part of the following items:

- a. A statement of the educational philosophy as it pertains to the specific construction project.
- b. Community and District OR-1 Public School District characteristics:
 - 1) What is the plan or organization and expected enrollment of the school?
 - 2) What is the construction plan for this facility?
 - 3) What special services are to be provided?
 - 4) What special provisions are needed for community use?
 - 5) What qualities are important to the functional layout of the structure?

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New ConstructionFacilities - Remodeling

A plan for future building modifications shall be maintained and continuously updated for inclusion in planning for construction. These planning elements shall be followed:

1. Superintendent shall submit requests for building modifications by March 31 of each year.
2. Superintendent requests for building modifications shall be considered in terms of priorities.
3. Safety and health of students and staff will be considered when remodeling is undertaken.
4. Priorities have been established by the Board of Education when considering remodeling project needs.
 - a. Correction of safety and health deficiencies
 - b. Housing of students
 - c. Projects must meet program requirements, including outdoor space
 - d. Projects needed to maintain the integrity of current District OR-1 Public Schools' buildings
 - e. Repair/renovation of ancillary facilities
 - f. Parking
 - g. Security

Major remodeling may follow the same procedure as new construction but there are also alternate provisions for that work which can be done without architectural services.

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Facilities - Selection of Architect/Engineer

Architects and/or Engineers will be selected based on the recommendations of the Superintendent. The selection will be approved by the Board of Education.

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Facilities - Financing of Construction - Building Fund

The District OR-1 Public Schools Board of Education is authorized under state statutes to establish a special building fund for the purpose of acquiring sites for school buildings or purchasing existing buildings for use as school buildings and the erection, alteration, equipping and furnishing of school buildings and additions to school buildings.

Proceeds from the sale of real property will be placed in the building fund.

Interest accumulation from the current building fund balance shall remain in the fund.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-10,120

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New ConstructionFacilities - Bids and Contracts

All contracts for work related to building construction, remodeling or repair or site improvement in excess of \$100,000, or such sum as adjusted pursuant to §73-106, will be bid in accordance with state statutes. All other contracts will be handled under current district policies and regulations.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-101 to 73-106

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Facilities - Awarding Contracts

The Superintendent shall make final recommendations to the Board of Education concerning awarding of contracts.

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New ConstructionFacilities - Change Orders

1. Change order requests will be initiated by the architect/owner prior to the implementation of the change contemplated.
2. Change order requests will be reviewed by the Superintendent and facilities committee, and be subject to approval by the Superintendent and facilities committee.
3. When approved, copies of change orders will be distributed to the Superintendent, the facilities committee, the contractor, and the architect.
4. All change orders will be reported as part of the Routine Business Agenda -- Progress Report on Construction Projects.

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