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BALDWIN CITY
UNIFIED SCHOOL District 348
Board POLICY MANUAL
(Amended July 2008)

A—SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

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01-01 LEGAL DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Unified School District shall be officially named the Baldwin City Unified School District 348. Passed 2/6/1967

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District Authority (Adopted 6/2007)

The governance of the District shall be vested in the Board.

Home Rule (Adopted 7/2007)

The Board shall have authority to conduct District business without specific statutory delegation. The Board may transact all school District business and adopt policies the Board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools.

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Powers and Duties

01-02 POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

(Amended February 2007)

Major duties of the Board shall include:

- A. Formulate policies that provide for the local control of the District in compliance with State and Federal Statutes and Regulations.
- B. Approve the annual budget, financial expenditures and salaries, as recommended by the Superintendent or as negotiated.
- C. Select a Superintendent of school to act as a chief executive officer and act (approve or ask for other nominations) on the employment of all other personnel recommended by the Superintendent. The Board shall delegate administrative duties to the chief executive officer.
- D. Approve and advise on educational programs and materials as

- recommended by the Superintendent with staff input.
- E. Request and consider reports prepared by the Superintendent and/or staff concerning the progress of the schools, student achievement, school programs and facilities. Advise and counsel the administration in evaluating and improving programs and facilities.
- F. Act as a court of appeal for hearing cases presented by patrons or staff on concerns, which the Superintendent has not been able to reconcile. Hear oral or written communications from citizens or organizations on matters of policy procedure.

ABC-348 Board Members

ABCD-348 Method of Election

01-04 BOARD MEMBER DISTRICTS

As set by state law, the Board of Education shall consist of seven Board members to be elected at the general election held in April of each odd numbered year. Positions 1,2,3, and 7 will be elected for a term of four years in the year 1971 and every four years thereafter. Positions 4,5, and 6 will be elected for a term of four years in 1973 and every four years thereafter.

The seven member Board Districts shall be as follows:

- A. District 1 - Positions 1 and 4: All areas to the west and north of the intersection of 56 Highway and E 1700 Road plus the area within the city limits of Baldwin City to the east of E 1700 Road and north of 56 Highway.
- B. District 2 - Positions 2 and 5: All areas east of E 1700 Road (6th Street in the Baldwin City limits) from the northern boundary of the District to the southern boundary of the District excluding the area within the city limits north of 56 Highway.
- C. District 3 - Positions 3 and 6: All areas to the west and south of the intersection of 56 Highway and E 1700 Road (6th Street in the Baldwin City limits).
- D. One Board member shall be elected at large and that shall fulfill position 7.

AC-348 School District Organization Plan

01-03 ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOLS (Amended November 2009)

The school system shall consist of elementary grades K-8 and high school grades 9-12. The attendance centers consist of Marion Springs-grades K-5, Vinland-grades K-5, Baldwin Elementary Primary Center -grades K-2, Baldwin Elementary Intermediate Center 3-5, Baldwin Junior High-grades 6-8, and Baldwin High School-grades 9-12. The Board of USD 348 acknowledges and embraces the importance of maintaining neighborhood schools. Neighborhood schools serve as a central hub of activities and provide a focal point for

community pride. However, grade enrollment numbers may dictate the movement of students to an attendance center other than their community school. Any such movement will be viewed as temporary. Every effort will be made the following school year to move those students back to their community school. Three primary considerations affecting assignment of students will be attendance center boundary lines, teacher-pupil ratios throughout the District, and availability of classroom space. Students living near attendance boundaries will be considered first in making adjustments.

AD-348 **School District Attendance Areas**

01-05 ATTENDANCE CENTER BOUNDARY LINES

Baldwin Elementary (K-5): All territory except that which is designated for Marion Springs and Vinland attendance centers.

Marion Springs (K-5): All territory west of U.S. 59 and Taylor subdivision (south of Jct. east of 59 across from Saile's).

Vinland (K-5): All territory north of a line, which lies 1/4 mile south of N. 500 Road and west to within 1-1/2 miles of U.S. 59 and east to, the line as illustrated on the map below.

Baldwin Junior High: All District-wide students in grades 6-8.

Baldwin High School: All District-wide students in grades 9-12. Boundary lines shall be observed, unless special permission is granted by the Board of Education.

AE-44 **School Year**

The Board shall provide a school year consisting of not less than: (1) The minimum number of statutorily required school days for students K-12, consisting of not less than 2 1/2 hours for kindergarten students and 6 hours for students in grades 1-12; or (2) The minimum number of statutorily required school hours for students in grades K-12.

AEB-44 **Extended School Year**

Extended School Year

The Board may extend the regular academic year. The Superintendent shall be responsible for preparing a plan and presenting it to the Board. The Board may extend the regularly scheduled academic year because of the following types of circumstances which are stated by way of illustration and not by way of limitation: adverse weather conditions, building maintenance problems, personnel problems, public health reasons, or budgetary problems.

Extended Learning Opportunities for Students

The Board may require extended learning opportunities for students not meeting minimum academic requirements as defined by the Board. Students may be assigned to extended academic sessions including, but not limited to:

- before-or after-school;
- Saturday school; or
- summer sessions.

Regulations necessary to govern extended academic sessions shall be recommended by the Superintendent for Board approval. Truancy laws, suspension and expulsion policies and law, and all appropriate portions of the student behavior code shall apply during extended academic sessions. (See JBD, JBE, JDD and JCDA)

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01-22 INDEMNIFICATION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (Adopted July 1994)

Baldwin City USD 348 agrees that it will defend, hold harmless, and indemnify any school Board member, administrator, employee or agent of the District during and following employment or tenure in office, for any and all demands, claims, suits, actions, and legal proceedings, brought against said Board member, administrator, employee or agent in his/her individual capacity, in his/her official capacity as a Board member, agent, or employee of the District. The incident(s) prompting said legal action must have arisen while the Board member administrator, employee or agent was acting within the scope of his/her employment or duty in an official capacity for and on behalf of the District. This indemnification excludes any and all criminal matters. Any and all provisions of Kansas Statutory and Case Law restricting indemnification limit this policy.