EPHRATA AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

616. PAYMENT OF BILLS

1. Purpose
   It is the Board's intent to direct prompt payment of bills but at the same time to
   ensure that due care has been taken in the review of district bills.

2. Authority
   SC 439, 607, 1155
   Each bill or obligation of this district must be fully itemized, verified and approved
   by the Board before a check can be drawn for its payment, except that the Board
   Treasurer is permitted to draw payment orders for:
   
   SC 427, 439
   1. The prompt payment of items that will accrue to the district's advantage.
   2. Progress payments to contractors specified in a contract approved by the Board.
   3. Orders to cover approved payrolls and agency account deposits.

3. Delegation of Responsibility
   It shall be the responsibility of the Business Manager or designee upon receipt of an
   invoice to verify that the purchase invoice is in order, goods were received in
   acceptable condition or services were satisfactorily rendered, funds are available to
   cover the payment, the Board had budgeted for the item, and invoice is for the
   amount contracted.

   All claims for payment shall be submitted to the Board and recorded in the minutes
   of the Board meeting.

   SC 439
   Upon approval of an order, the Treasurer shall prepare a check for payment and
   cancel the commitment placed against the appropriate account.

   SC 427, 433, 439
   All checks approved by the Board shall be signed by the President, Board Secretary,
   and Treasurer; however, only two (2) of the three (3) signatures of the listed Board
   officers are needed to authorize payment.

4. Guidelines
   65 P.S.
   Sec. 302
   Signatures of the President, Treasurer and Board Secretary may be engraved on a
   signature plate or stamp.

   No check shall be made out to cash without the approval of the Board Treasurer.
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The district is exempt from sales tax on the purchase of tangible, personal property or services that are sold or used by the district. The district shall control use of its sales tax exemption number issued by the Department of Revenue, in compliance with established regulations. The exemption number shall be used only when buying property or services for district use.

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The district shall obtain a sales tax license number for school organizations who purchase items to be resold.

In order to monitor these activities, the Business Manager shall develop procedures to assure coordination and accumulation of information and proper reporting and remittance to the Department of Revenue.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 427, 428, 433, 439, 607, 608, 609, 610, 687, 1155

Department of Revenue Regulations – 61 PA Code Sec. 32.23

Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act – 65 P.S. Sec. 302

Exclusion From Tax – 72 P.S. Sec. 7204, 7208

Board Policy – 612, 618