UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:
ACTION: Library Materials Model Policy

Agenda item type:
Information Item

Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Library Materials Model Policy, Merged Master Draft 1, on first reading and final reading.

Background:

In the February 2022 Board meeting the Board approved R277-628 School Libraries. This rule requires LEAs to create policies regarding the selection and reconsideration of materials placed in school's libraries. The rule also required USBE staff to create a model policy.

In addition to approving R277-628, the Board approved a motion to have the model policy created by USBE staff to be approved in a future meeting.

This model policy was created to in consultation with the AAGs representing USBE to include all relevant laws and court rulings related to school libraries in Utah. It also sets out a process for material selection and how to reconsider existing materials when requested by members of the school's community including parents, students, and teachers.

The Master Merged Version dated June 24, 2022 reflects the contributions of multiple Board members and is presented as their collective draft including Board Members Hart, Lear, Hymas, and Davis.

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Attachments:
1. Master Merged Draft June 28 4.30 PM
2. Master Merged Draft June 28 4.30 PM--Carol Lear Amendments
3. Member CLINE Sensitive Materials Model Policy DRAFT 3.5_June 2022
4. Library Model Policy Board Member Cline - Draft 2
5. School Libraries Model Policy - with April 2022 Committee Edits
6. Master Merged June 28 4.30 PM --Jennie Earl Amendments