Helena Public Schools

PERSONNEL 5256

Reduction in Force

The Board has exclusive authority to determine the appropriate number of employees. A reduction in employees may occur as a result of but not be limited to changes in the education program, staff realignment, changes in the size or nature of the student population, financial considerations, or other reasons deemed relevant by the Board.

The Board will consider in no particular order all or some of the following criteria in determining order of dismissal when it reduces staff or discontinues some type of educational service:

- performance evaluations,
- staff needs,
- seniority,
- experience inside and outside the district,
- professional development,
- curricular or industry knowledge,
- endorsements and/or certifications, and / or
- other reasons it deems relevant.

For any employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement the Board will follow the procedure stated in the current CBA when considering a reduction in force

Cross Reference: 5250 Non-Renewal of Employment/Dismissal from Employment

Legal Reference: § 20-4-206, MCA Notification of nontenure teacher reelection –

acceptance – termination

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