Insurance Management

Section A - Introduction
The Chief School Business Official or designee shall recommend and maintain all insurance programs that provide the broadest and most complete coverage available at the most economical cost, consistent with sound insurance principles.

Section B - Components of the Insurance Program
The insurance program shall include each of the following:

1. Liability coverage to insure against any loss or liability of the school district and the listed individuals against civil rights damage claims and suits, constitutional rights damage claims and suits, and death and bodily injury and property damage claims and suits, including defense costs, when damages are sought for negligent or wrongful acts allegedly committed in the scope of employment or under the Board’s direction or related to any mentoring services provided to the school district’s staff members; School Board members; employees; volunteer personnel authorized by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b; mentors of staff members authorized in 105 ILCS 5/21A-5 et seq. (new teacher), 105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a (new principal), and 2-3.53b (new superintendents); and student teachers.

2. Catastrophic accident insurance at the mandated benefit level for student athletes in grades 9 through 12 who sustain an accidental injury while participating in school-sponsored or school-supervised interscholastic athletic events sanctioned by the Ill. High School Association that results in medical expenses in excess of $50,000.

3. Comprehensive property insurance covering a broad range of causes of loss involving building and personal property. The coverage amount shall normally be for the replacement cost or the insurable value.

4. Workers’ Compensation to protect individual employees against financial loss in case of a work-related injury, certain types of disease, or death incurred in an employee-related situation.

5. Crime (Employee Dishonesty or Fidelity Coverage) to protect the school district against dishonest acts of employees and including such coverage as may be required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

6. Cyber Liability (Network Security Liability) to cover against loss or liability of the school district against expenses incurred by the school district including claims and suits for damages, and defense costs therefrom, arising from a cyber incident.

Section C - Student Accident Insurance
The Board shall annually designate a company to offer student accident insurance coverage. The Board does not endorse the plan nor recommend that parents/guardians secure the coverage, and any contract is between the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the company.

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