This policy relates to collective bargaining for the Rio Rancho Public School District and provides rights, responsibilities, and procedures in the employment relationship between the employees and the employer.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This policy may be cited as the "Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Policy."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The purpose of the Labor Management Relations Policy is to guarantee employees the right to organize and bargain collectively with their employer, to protect the rights of the employer and the employees and to promote harmonious and cooperative relationships between the employer and employees, and to acknowledge the obligation of the employer and the employees to provide the orderly and uninterrupted services to the citizens in the operation and functioning of the District in the protection of the public interest.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTS

In the event of conflict with other policies of the school district, the provisions of the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Policy shall supersede all other previously enacted policies, provided that the Rio Rancho Public School District Management Relations Policy shall not supersede state or federal laws.

Board of Education sanctioned rules and regulations, administrative directives, departmental rules and regulations, and workplace practices shall control unless there is a conflict with a collective bargaining agreement. Where a conflict exists, the collective bargaining agreement shall control.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

As used in the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Policy:

A. "appropriate bargaining unit" means a group of employees designated by the Board for the purposes of collective bargaining.
B. "certification" means the designation by the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Board of a labor organization as the exclusive representative for all employees in an appropriate bargaining unit;

C. "collective bargaining" means the act of negotiating between the employer and an exclusive representative for the purpose of entering into a written agreement regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment;

D. "Board" means the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Board;

E. “Board of Education” means the Rio Rancho Public School District, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico.

F. "confidential employee" means a person who devotes a majority of his/her time to assisting and acting in a confidential capacity with respect to a person who formulates, determines, and effectuates management policies;

G. “District” means the Rio Rancho Public School District, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico;

H. “emergency” means a one-time crisis that was unforeseen and unavoidable;

I. "employee" means a regular employee of the Rio Rancho Public School District, and includes, a regular probationary employee;

J. "employer" means Rio Rancho Public School District;

K. "exclusive representative" means a labor organization that, as a result of certification by the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Board, represents all employees in an appropriate bargaining unit for the purposes of collective bargaining;

L. “fair share” means the payment to a labor organization which is the exclusive representative for an appropriate bargaining unit by an employee of that bargaining unit who is not a member of that labor organization equal to a certain percentage of membership dues. Such figure is to be calculated based on United States and New Mexico statutes and case law identifying those expenditures by a labor organization which are permissibly chargeable to all employees in the appropriate bargaining unit under United States and New Mexico statutes and case law, including, but not limited to, all expenditures incurred by the labor organization in negotiating the contract applicable to all employees in the appropriate bargaining unit, servicing such contract, and representing all such employees in grievances and disciplinary actions;
M. "governing body" means the Rio Rancho Public School District Board of Education;

N. "impasse" means a failure of the employer and an exclusive representative, after good-faith bargaining, to reach agreement in the course of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement;

O. "labor organization" means any employee organization, one of whose purposes is representation of public employees in collective bargaining and in otherwise meeting, consulting, and conferring with employers on matters pertaining to employment relations;

P. "lockout" means an act by the employer to prevent its employees from going to work for the purpose of resisting demands of the employees' exclusive representative or for the purpose of gaining a concession from the exclusive representative;

Q. "management employee" means an employee who is engaged primarily in executive and management functions and is charged with the responsibility of developing, administering, or effectuating management policies. An employee shall not be deemed a management employee solely because the employee participates in cooperative decision-making programs on an occasional basis;

R. "mediation" means assistance by an impartial third party to resolve an impasse in contract negotiations between an employer and an exclusive representative through interpretation, suggestion, and advice;

S. "professional employee" means an employee whose work is predominantly intellectual and varied in character and whose work involves the consistent exercise of discretion and judgment in its performance and requires knowledge of an advanced nature in a field of learning customarily requiring specialized study at an institution of higher education or its equivalent. The work of a professional employee is of such character that the output or result accomplished cannot be standardized in relation to a given period of time.

T. "strike" means an employee's refusal, in concerted action with other employees, to report for duty or his/her willful absence or withholding of service in whole or in part from the full, faithful, and proper performance of the duties of employment for the purpose of inducing, influencing, or coercing a change in the working conditions, compensation, rights, privileges, or obligations of employment;

U. "supervisor" means an employee who devotes a majority amount of work time to supervisory duties, who customarily and regularly directs the work of two or more other employees, and who has the authority on the interest of the employer to hire, promote, or discipline other employees or to recommend such actions effectively. This definition does not include V.
individuals who perform merely routing, incidental, or clerical duties or who occasionally assume supervisory or directory roles or whose duties are substantially similar to those of their subordinates and does not include lead employees or employees who participate in peer review or occasional evaluation of employees.

SECTION 5. RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES

Employees, other than management, supervisors, and confidential employees may form, join, or assist any labor organization for the purpose of collective bargaining through the representatives chosen by employees without interference, restraint, or coercion. Employees also have the right to refuse to form, join, or assist any labor organization.

SECTION 6. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Unless limited by the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement or by other statutory provision, the employer’s rights shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. To direct the work of, hire, promote, assign, transfer, demote, suspend, discharge, or terminate public employees;

B. To determine qualifications for employment and the nature and content of personnel examinations;

C. To take actions as may be necessary to carry out the mission of the employer in emergencies; and

D. The employer retains all rights not specifically limited by a collective bargaining agreement or by the Public Employee Bargaining Act.

SECTION 7. LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD: CREATED TERMS

A. The "Labor Management Relations Board" is hereby created. The Board shall be composed of three (3) members appointed by the Rio Rancho School Board. One (1) member shall be appointed on the recommendation of individuals representing labor, one (1) member shall be appointed on the recommendation of individuals representing management, and one (1) member shall be appointed on the recommendation of the first two appointees.
B. Board members shall serve for a period of one (1) year with terms commencing in the month of July except in the initial appointment which will be a shorter term effective the same day as this policy. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and such appointments shall only be made for the remainder of the unexpired term. A Board member may serve an unlimited number of terms.

C. During the term for which s/he is appointed, no Board member shall hold or seek any other political office or public employment or be an employee of a union or an organization representing public employees or public employers.

D. Each Board member shall be paid per diem and mileage in accordance with the provision of the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

SECTION 8. THE BOARD: POWERS AND DUTIES

A. The Labor Management Relations Board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to accomplish and perform its functions and duties as established in the Labor Management Relations Policy, including the establishment of procedures for the:

1. designation of appropriate bargaining units;

2. selection, certification, and decertification of exclusive representatives; and

3. filing of, hearing on, and determination of complaints of prohibited practices. This does not apply to negotiation impasses or grievances subject to the required negotiated grievance process.

B. The Labor Management Relations Board shall:

1. hold hearings and make inquiries necessary to carry out its functions and duties; and

2. request from employers and labor organizations the information and data necessary to carry out the Labor Management Relations Board's functions and responsibilities.

C. The Labor Management Relations Board may issue subpoenas requiring, upon reasonable notice, the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any evidence, including books, records, correspondence, or documents relating to any matter in question. The Labor Management Relations Board may prescribe the form of subpoena, but it shall adhere insofar as practicable to the form used in civil actions in the District Court. The
Labor Management Relations Board may administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses, and receive evidence.

D. The Labor Management Relations Board shall decide all issues by majority vote and shall issue its decisions in the form of written orders and opinions. The decisions of the Labor Management Relations Board on prohibited practices are final and binding on the parties subject to Section 20. This section does not apply to collective bargaining impasses.

E. The Labor Management Relations Board has the power to enforce provisions of the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Policy and its own policies, rules and regulations, and collective bargaining agreements through the imposition of appropriate administrative remedies.

F. The Labor Management Relations Board shall have no power to promulgate policy other than to accomplish and perform its function and duties as set forth in this Policy.

G. No rule or regulation promulgated by the Labor Management Relations Board shall require, directly or indirectly, as a condition of continuous employment, any employee covered by the Labor Management Relations Policy to pay money to any labor organization that is certified as an exclusive representative, except that the Board may enforce voluntary dues deductions provisions of a collective bargaining agreement. This issue shall be left to voluntary bargaining by the parties.

SECTION 9. HEARING PROCEDURES

A. The Board may hold hearings for the purposes of:

1. information gathering and inquiry;

2. adopting rules and regulations; and

3. adjudicating disputes and enforcing the provisions of a Labor Management Agreement, the provisions of the Labor Management Relations Policy, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the Policy.

B. The Labor Management Relations Board shall adopt regulations setting forth procedures to be followed during hearings of the Labor Management Relations Board. Such regulations shall meet minimal due process requirements of the state and federal constitutions.
C. Proceedings against the party alleged to have committed a prohibited practice shall be commenced by service upon it and the Board of a written notice together with a copy of the charges and relief requested.

D. All adopted rules and regulations shall be filed in accordance with applicable Rio Rancho Public School Board Policies and state regulations and statutes.

E. A verbatim record made by electronic or other suitable means shall be made of every rule-making and adjudicatory hearing. The record shall not be transcribed unless required for judicial review or unless ordered by the Labor Management Relations Board. Payment for the transcription shall be made by the party requesting the review.

F. No regulation proposed to be adopted by the Labor Management Relations Board that affects any person or governmental entity outside the Board and its staff shall be adopted, amended, or repealed without public hearing and comment on the proposed action before the Board. The public hearing shall be held after notice of the subject matter of the regulation, the action proposed to be taken, the time and place of the hearing, the matter in which interested persons may present their views and the method by which copies of the proposed regulation, proposed amendment, or repeal of an existing regulation may be obtained. All meetings shall be held in the Rio Rancho Public School District. Notice shall be published once at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date in a newspaper of general circulation within the Rio Rancho Public School District, and notice shall be mailed at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date to all persons who have made a written request for advance notice of hearings.

G. Each party to a prohibited labor practice shall bear the cost of producing its own witnesses and paying its representative for hearings under this Policy.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATE BARGAINING UNITS

A. The Board shall, upon receipt of a petition for a representation election filed by a labor organization, designate the appropriate bargaining unit. Appropriate bargaining units shall be established on the basis of occupational groups or clear and identifiable community of interest in employment terms, employment conditions, and related personnel matters among the employees involved. Occupational groups shall generally be identified as blue collar, secretarial-clerical, technical, professional, paraprofessional, police, fire, and corrections. Department, craft, or trade designations other than specified above shall not determine bargaining units. The parties, by mutual agreement and approval of the Board, may further consolidate occupational groups. Essential factors in determining appropriate bargaining
units shall include the principles of efficient administration of government, the history of collective bargaining, and the assurance to employees of the fullest freedom in exercising the rights guaranteed by the Statute.

B. If the labor organization and the employer cannot agree on the appropriate bargaining unit within thirty (30) days, the Board shall hold a hearing concerning the composition of the bargaining unit. Any agreement as to the appropriate bargaining unit between the employer and the labor organization shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

C. The Board shall not include in any appropriate bargaining unit supervisory, managerial, or confidential employees.

SECTION 11. ELECTIONS

A. Whenever, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Labor Management Relations Board, a petition is filed by a labor organization containing the signatures of at least thirty percent (30%) of the employees in an appropriate bargaining unit, the Labor Management Relations Board shall post a notice to affected employees regarding the filed petition and proceed with the process for conducting a secret ballot representation election.

B. Once a labor organization has filed a petition with the Board calling for a representation election, other labor organizations may seek to be placed on the ballot. Any organization shall file a petition containing the signatures of not less than thirty percent (30%) of the employees in the appropriate bargaining unit no later than ten (10) calendar days after the Board and the public employer post a written notice that a petition for a representation election has been filed by a labor organization.

C. All representation elections shall include the option for “no representation,” except in a run-off election where the choice of “no representation” was not one of the two choices that received the highest votes.

D. In the event of an election with two or more labor organizations on the ballot and none of the choices on the ballot received a majority of the votes cast, then a run-off election shall be held within fifteen (15) calendar days. The choices on the run-off election shall consist of the two (2) choices which received the greatest number of votes in the original election.

E. A valid election requires that at least forty percent (40%) of the eligible employees in an appropriate bargaining unit cast a vote. In an election with only one labor organization, and the majority of the votes cast are in favor of representation, the Board shall certify that labor organization as the exclusive representative for all the employees in the bargaining unit.
F. No election shall be conducted if an election has been conducted in the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the proposed representation election. No election shall be held during the term of an existing collective bargaining agreement, except as provided in Section 13-B of the Labor Management Relations Policy, or after the expiration of the third year of a collective bargaining agreement with a term of more than three (3) years.

G. Election disputes shall be resolved by the Labor Management Relations Board.

H. As an alternative to the provisions of Subsection A of this section, the employer and a labor organization with a reasonable basis for claiming to represent a majority of the employees in an appropriate bargaining unit may establish an alternative appropriate procedure for determining majority status. The procedure may include a labor organization’s submission of authorization cards from a majority of the employees in an appropriate bargaining unit. The local board shall not certify an appropriate bargaining unit if the employer objects to the certification without an election.

SECTION 12. EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION

A. A labor organization that has been certified by the Labor Management Relations Board as representing the employees in the appropriate bargaining unit shall be the exclusive representative of all employees in the appropriate bargaining unit. The exclusive representative shall act for all employees in the bargaining unit and negotiate a collective bargaining agreement covering all employees in the bargaining unit. The exclusive representative shall represent the interests of all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination or regard to membership or non-membership in the labor organization.

B. The existence of an exclusive bargaining representative shall not prevent employees from taking their grievances through the grievance process or filing prohibited practices with the Board. Any settlement of a grievance or relief given on a prohibited practice brought by an individual shall not be inconsistent with or in violation of the collective bargaining agreement in effect between the employer and the exclusive representative or inconsistent with or in violation of a memorandum of understanding made between the employer and the exclusive representative applicable to the day-to-day administration of the collective bargaining agreement. The exclusive representative shall be afforded the opportunity to be present at such hearings and make its views known.

SECTION 13. DECERTIFICATION OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE
A. Any member of a labor organization or the labor organization itself may initiate decertification of a labor organization as the exclusive representative if thirty percent (30%) of the employees in the appropriate bargaining unit make a written request to the Board for a decertification election. Decertification elections shall be held in a manner prescribed by rule of the Board. A decertification election shall be valid only if at least forty percent (40%) of the eligible employees in the bargaining unit vote in the election.

B. When there is a collective bargaining agreement in effect, a request for a decertification election shall be made to the Labor Management Relations Board no earlier than ninety (90) days and no later than sixty (60) days before the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement; provided, however, that a request for a decertification election may be filed at any time after the expiration of the third (3rd) year of a collective bargaining agreement with a term of more than three (3) years.

C. When, within the time period prescribed in subsection B of this section, a competing labor organization files a petition containing signatures of at least thirty percent (30%) of the employees in the appropriate bargaining unit, a representation election rather than a decertification election shall be conducted.

D. When an exclusive representative has been certified but no collective bargaining agreement is in effect, the Labor Management Relations Board shall not accept a request for a decertification election earlier than twelve (12) months subsequent to a labor organization's certification as the exclusive representative.

SECTION 14. SCOPE OF BARGAINING

A. Except for retirement programs provided under the Educational Retirement Act, the parties shall bargain in good faith on all wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and other issues agreed to by the parties. The parties shall enter into a written agreement covering employment relations regarding the issues agreed to in collective bargaining.

B. Bargaining in good faith shall not require either party to agree to a proposal or to make a concession.

C. The obligation to bargain collectively imposed by the Labor Management Relations Policy or the State Public Employees Bargaining Act shall not be construed as authorizing the employer and the exclusive representatives to enter into any agreement that is in conflict with state statutes or federal statutes. In the event of conflict between state statutes or federal
statutes and any agreement entered into by the employer and the exclusive representative, the former shall prevail.

D. Payroll deductions of the exclusive representative's membership dues is a mandatory subject of bargaining if either party wishes to negotiate the issue. The amount of dues shall be certified in writing by an official of the labor organization and shall not include special assessments, penalties, or fines of any type levied by the exclusive representative. In accordance with the collective bargaining agreements which provide for dues deductions, employees may revoke such authorization for dues deductions by written notice. During the time that a board certification is in effect for a particular appropriate bargaining unit, the public employer shall not deduct dues for any other labor organization.

E. Any agreement or impasse resolution by the employer and an exclusive representative that requires the expenditure of funds shall be contingent upon the specific appropriation of funds by the governing body and the availability of funds to fund the agreed-upon provision. An arbitrator’s decision shall not require the re-appropriation of funds.

F. The parties have a requirement that a grievance procedure culminating with final and binding arbitration be negotiated. This applies only to grievances and the interpretation and application of the agreement between the parties and does not apply to negotiation impasses. The parties shall share the cost of any proceedings conducted pursuant to this subsection equally. Each party is responsible for paying any cost related to its witnesses and representation.

G. The scope of bargaining for representatives shall include, as a mandatory subject of bargaining, the impact of professional and instructional decisions made by the employer.

SECTION 15. NEGOTIATIONS AND IMPASSE RESOLUTION

A. The following meetings shall be closed:

1. meetings for the discussion of collective bargaining strategy between the employer and the employees' negotiating team;

2. collective bargaining sessions; and

3. consultants and impasse resolution procedures at which the employer and the exclusive representative of the appropriate bargaining unit are present.
B. The following negotiation procedures shall apply to the employer and exclusive representatives:

1. The negotiations for the first contract shall be opened upon written notice by either party to the other requesting that negotiating sessions be scheduled. Subsequent requests for negotiations shall be postmarked no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days nor later than sixty (60) days prior to the contract ending date or as negotiated by the parties. The parties may open negotiations at any time by mutual agreement.

2. All negotiations will be conducted in closed sessions. Negotiations will be held at a facility and at a time mutually agreed upon by the parties.

3. Recesses and study sessions may be called by either team. Prior to the conclusion of any negotiating sessions, the reconvening time will be agreed upon. Caucuses may be taken as needed.

4. Tentative agreements reached during negotiations will be reduced to writing, dated, and initialed by each team spokesperson. Such tentative agreements are conditional and may be withdrawn should later discussion change either party’s understanding of the language as it relates to another part of the agreement.

5. Agreement on contract negotiations is accomplished when the Union President and the School Board President sign the agreement. Provisions in multi-year agreements providing for economic increases for subsequent years shall be contingent upon the governing body appropriating the funds necessary to fund the increase for the subsequent year(s). Should the governing body not appropriate sufficient funds to fund the agreed upon increase, either party may reopen negotiations.

C. The following impasse procedure shall be followed by the employer and exclusive representatives:

1. If an impasse occurs, either party shall request mediation assistance. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, either party may request the assistance of the federal mediation and conciliation service.

2. If the impasse continues after thirty (30) calendar days, either party may request an unrestricted list of seven (7) arbitrators from the federal mediation and conciliation service. The parties shall choose one arbitrator by alternately striking names from such list. Which party strikes the first name shall be determined by coin toss. The arbitrator shall render a final, binding, written decision resolving unresolved issues.
no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the arbitrator has been notified of his or her selection by the parties. The arbitrator’s decision shall be limited to a selection of one of the two parties’ complete, last, best offer. However, an impasse resolution decision of an arbitrator or an agreement provision by the employer and an exclusive representative that requires the expenditure of funds shall be contingent upon the specific appropriation of funds by the governing body and the availability of funds. An arbitrator’s decision shall not require the employer to re-appropriate funds. The parties shall share all of the arbitrator’s costs incurred pursuant to this subsection equally. Each party shall be responsible for paying any costs related to its witnesses and representation. The decision shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to the standards set forth in the Uniform Arbitration Act.

3. In the event that an impasse continues after the expiration of a contract, the existing contract will continue in full force and effect until it is replaced by a subsequent written agreement. However, this shall not require the employer to increase any employees’ levels, steps, or grades of compensation contained in the existing contract.

SECTION 16. EMPLOYERS: PROHIBITED PRACTICES

A. No employer or its representative shall:

1. discriminate against an employee with regard to terms and conditions of employment because of the employee's membership in a labor organization;

2. interfere with, restrain, or coerce any employee in the exercise of any right guaranteed under the Labor Management Relations Policy;

3. dominate or interfere in the formation, existence, or administration of any labor organization;

4. discriminate in regard to hiring, tenure, or any term or condition of employment in order to encourage or discourage membership in a labor organization;

5. discharge or otherwise discriminate against an employee because the employee has signed or filed an affidavit, petition, grievance, or complaint or given any information or testimony under the provisions of the Labor Management Relations Policy or because an employee is forming, joining, or choosing to be represented by a labor organization;

6. refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with the exclusive representative;
7. refuse or fail to comply with any provision of the Labor Management Relations Policy or Labor Management Relations Board regulation or the Public Employee Bargaining Act; or

8. refuse or fail to comply with any collective bargaining agreement. This issue is subject to the required grievance procedures negotiated by the parties.

B. During the negotiation and the impasse procedures, School Board members and management employees are prohibited from negotiating issues which are the subject of negotiations and from making any offers, commitments, or promises whatsoever to employees or the exclusive representative, other than through the appointed District negotiating team. It is the intent of this language that the integrity of the negotiating process be maintained. All negotiations and concessions shall occur only between the respective appointed negotiating teams.

SECTION 17. EMPLOYEES-LABOR ORGANIZATIONS: PROHIBITED PRACTICES

A. An employee, labor organization, or its representative shall not:

1. discriminate against an employee with regard to labor organization membership because of race, color, religion, age, disability, sex, or national origin;

2. solicit membership for an employee or labor organization during the employee's duty hours. This includes preparatory time but does not include non-duty lunch periods or work breaks.

3. restrain or coerce any employee in the exercise of any right guaranteed by the provisions of the Labor Management Relations Policy.

4. refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with the employer;

5. refuse or fail to comply with any collective bargaining agreement. This issue is subject to the required negotiated grievance procedure negotiated by the parties;

6. refuse or fail to comply with any provision of this Labor Management Relations Policy;

7. picket homes or private businesses of appointed individuals, elected officials, or employees of the Rio Rancho Public School District; or
8. restrain or coerce the employer in the selection of its agent for bargaining.

B. During the negotiation and the impasse procedures, the employees, the exclusive representative, or any of its employees are prohibited from negotiating issues which are the subject of negotiations with anyone other than the appointed district negotiating team. It is the intent of this language that the integrity of the negotiating process be maintained. All negotiations and concessions shall occur only between the respective appointed negotiating teams.

SECTION 18. STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS PROHIBITED

A. No employee or labor organization shall engage in a strike. No labor organization shall cause, instigate, encourage, or support a strike. The employer shall not cause, instigate, or engage in any employee lockout.

B. The employer may apply to the district court for injunctive relief to end a strike, and an exclusive representative of public employees affected by a lockout may apply to the district court for injunctive relief to end a lockout.

C. The Board, upon a clear and convincing showing of proof at a hearing that a labor organization directly caused or instigated an employee strike, may impose appropriate penalties on that labor organization, up to and including decertification of the labor organization with respect to any of its bargaining units which struck as a result of such causation or instigation. A strike means an employee’s refusal, in concerted action with other employees, to report for duty or his/her willful absence or withholding of service in whole or in part from the full, faithful, and proper performance of the duties of employment for the purpose of inducing, influencing, or coercing a change in the working conditions, compensation, rights, privileges, or obligations of employment.

SECTION 19. AGREEMENTS: VALID ENFORCEMENT

All collective bargaining agreements and other agreements between employers and exclusive representatives are valid and enforceable according to their terms when entered into in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Management Relations Policy.

SECTION 20. JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT: STANDARD OF REVIEW
A. The Labor Management Relations Board may request the District Court to enforce any order issued pursuant to the Labor Management Relations Policy, including those for appropriate temporary relief and restraining orders. The Court shall consider the request for enforcement on the record made before the Labor Management Relations Board. The Court shall uphold the action of the Labor Management Relations Board and take appropriate action to enforce it unless it concludes that the order is:

1. arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion;
2. not supported by substantial evidence on the record considered as a whole; or
3. otherwise not in accordance with law.

B. Any person or party, including any labor organization affected by a final regulation, order, or decision of the Labor Management Relations Board may appeal to the District Court for further relief. All such appeals shall be based upon the record made at the Labor Management Relations Board hearing. All such appeals to the District Court shall be taken within thirty (30) days of the date of the final regulations, order, or decision of the Labor Management Relations Board. Actions taken by the Labor Management Relations Board shall be affirmed unless the Court concludes that the action is:

1. arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion;
2. not supported by substantial evidence on the record taken as a whole; or
3. otherwise not in accordance with law.

SECTION 21. SEVERABILITY

If any part or application of the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Policy is held invalid, the remainder or its application to other situations or persons shall not be affected.

SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE DATE
The effective date of the Rio Rancho Public School District Labor Management Relations Policy is **September 27, 2004.**

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