

BOARD POLICIES

The School Board recognizes that its most important function is to establish policies that communicate its direction for the management and control of the schools. Policies are written statements adopted by the Board, which communicate the guidelines and limits within which the Superintendent or designee may take discretionary action.

Requests for consideration of revision, additions to or deletions from policy may be made by any board member or the superintendent, with concurrence by the board, at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose. The superintendent shall reframe policy in an effort to gain board consensus.

Public involvement in policy development may be solicited by the board through the use of a policy advisory committee established under the provisions of Board Policy 7133, Standing Committees.

The adoption of policy shall conform to Board bylaws governing agenda, meetings and voting. Only those written statements adopted and recorded in the minutes shall constitute official Board Policy. Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the prerogative and responsibility of the school board.

Prior to adoption, policies shall normally be given two readings by the Board. At its second reading, the policy may be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Board. The Board may adopt the policy with or without amendment, reject it, or defer action until a subsequent meeting. The Board may waive the second reading or may require additional readings. Policies take effect upon adoption or at a later date specified in the policy adoption motion.

The Board provides at least a 10-day interim period between first reading and formal adoption of policy. Public testimony will be taken in written form or verbal presentation at the time policy is introduced for first reading and presented for action during a board meeting. A summary of testimony received shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

In addition to presenting drafts or suggestions for new policy and policy revisions when changes in law occur or when a specific needs arises, the Superintendent or designee, shall maintain procedures for the continuous review of existing policies at a time allocated for this purpose on the agenda or regular Board meetings. When policies are amended, the Superintendent or designee shall review corresponding administrative regulations to ensure that they conform to the intent of the revised policy.

When drafting or revising Board policies which affect other governmental agencies or areas of common interest, the Superintendent or designee shall seek input from these agencies and shall express the Board's desire to cooperate with them in addressing matters of mutual concern.

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