

School Board

Board Policy Development

School Board governance requires written policies. Written policies ensure legal compliance, establish board processes, articulate District goals, delegate authority, and define operating limits. Board policies also provide the process for monitoring progress toward District goals.

Policy Development

Action on such proposals, whatever their source, is taken finally by the Board in accord with its by-laws.

Anyone may propose new policies, changes to existing policies, or elimination of existing policies. Staff suggestions should be processed through the Superintendent. Suggestions from all others may be made to the Board President or the Superintendent.

A Board Policy Committee will consider all policy suggestions, and provide information and recommendations to the Board. The Superintendent is responsible for: (1) providing relevant policy information and data to the Board, (2) notifying those who will be affected by a proposed policy and obtaining their advice and suggestions, and (3) having policy recommendations drafted into written form for Board deliberation. The Superintendent shall seek the counsel of the school attorney when appropriate.

Policy Adoption and Dissemination

Policy or by-law proposals and suggested amendments to or revisions of existing policies or by-laws shall be submitted to all members of the Board and to the Superintendent in writing prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting in which such proposed policies, by-laws, amendments, or revisions shall be discussed. A vote for adoption shall take place at a regular meeting of the Board. Adoption shall be by majority vote of all Board members.

Development of all such proposals for new or amended policies or by-laws prior to their submission to the Board for action may include deliberative discussions with persons to be affected or their representatives.

Policies or policy revisions will not be adopted at the Board meeting at which they are first introduced, except when appropriate for a consent agenda because no Board discussion is required, or to meet emergency conditions or special events. Further Board consideration will be given at a subsequent meeting(s) and after opportunity for community input.

The School Board policies are available for public inspection in the administrative office during regular office hours. Copy requests should be made under the District's Access to Public Records Policy.

Board Policy Review and Evaluation

The School Board will monitor its policies and consider whether any modifications are required. The Board may use a policy review calendar.

Superintendent Implementation

The Board will support any reasonable interpretation of School Board policy made by the Superintendent. If reasonable minds differ, the Board will review policy and consider the need for further clarification.

The Superintendent shall formulate administrative regulations governing the district consistent with the policies adopted by the Board. In the absence of applicable policy, the Superintendent may establish needed regulations, subject to later confirmation in Board policy.

The Board reserves the right to review administrative regulations and compel revisions to the extent that such administrative regulations are determined by the Board to be inconsistent with the policies of the Board.

Suspension of Policies

Any policy or by-law shall be subject to suspension for a specified purpose and limited time upon a five-sevenths (5/7) vote of the members of the Board.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 3:40 (Superintendent)

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