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Board Policy Development, Adoption, Amendment, and/or Revision

The Board shall provide guides for the discretionary action of those to whom it delegates authority. These guides for discretionary action shall constitute the policies governing the operation of the school system.

Specifically, Board policies shall:

1. Reflect the attitudes and best thinking of the Board on matters of importance to schools and education in the community.
2. Constitute the foundation for decision making in the district.
3. Have as their goal the best interests of children in the district.
4. Be in agreement with what the Board believes to be true functions of the schools and be in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.
5. Be flexible enough to be workable and specific enough to be clearly understandable.

Initial presentation of a proposed new policy and administrative rules, policy amendment, or policy revision shall be in writing. A preliminary vote shall be taken at a Board meeting for initial acceptance or rejection of the proposed policy. If the policy is approved, a final vote shall be taken at the next Board meeting. A majority of all votes cast shall be required for policy adoption, amendment, and/or revision.

Board policy may be waived by 6 members of the Board. This shall be done on a case-by-case basis.

The Board can adopt, amend, or rescind a policy without a “first reading.” The Board may forego a first reading and go directly to a second reading in a situation where it is determined that the timing is critical (e.g. to start a school year, for legal compliance reasons, in an emergency).

The Board shall periodically review and appraise existing policies to ensure that they are in compliance with current laws. State and federal laws shall have legal precedence over any Board policy.

CROSS REF.: Policy #151.2 - Policy Dissemination
Policy #151.3 - Administration in Policy Absence
Policy #253 - Policy Implementation

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