

POLICY ADOPTION PROCEDURE

The following procedure shall be used to develop, adopt, review, revise and/or delete (repeal) Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) Board policies:

- A. The Board's Governance Committee is charged with reviewing and recommending all new policies and policy changes to be considered by the Board.
 1. Individual Board members, Board subcommittees, the Executive Director, and members of the public may submit policy suggestions and concerns directly to the Governance Committee. Policy suggestions that are submitted to the Board Chair or the Executive Director will be forwarded to the Governance Committee. School unit employees should follow any and all applicable administrative procedures and/or collective bargaining agreement provisions for submitting policy suggestions.
 2. The Governance Committee, together with the Executive Director, will be responsible for reviewing and researching suggestions for new policies and policy changes. The Governance Committee may seek or ask the Executive Director to provide information such as, but not limited to, the specific need for the policy; the fiscal consequences of the proposed policy; the potential effect of the policy on the instructional program, staff, students and the community; samples of policies on the same or similar subjects; applicable provisions of state and/or federal law and regulations; and the anticipated costs and benefits of implementing, enforcing and monitoring the proposed policy.
 3. The Governance Committee may prepare draft policies or delegate the drafting of all or individual policies to the Executive Director.
 4. At an appropriate stage in the process, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Governance Committee and the Board, shall notify the bargaining agent for the school unit's teachers of any proposed new educational policy or proposed modification of any existing educational policy.

The Policy Committee may also seek input or discuss the proposal with other groups affected by the policy.

5. The Governance Committee will make reports to the Board regarding its activities and the status of policy development.
- B. Upon recommendation by the Governance Committee, the first reading of a new policy, revision or deletion of policy shall be placed on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. Board members shall receive the policy, supporting material, if appropriate, and any written recommendations in advance of the meeting date.

The Governance Committee Chair will explain the proposed policy or policy change. The Board may discuss the substance of the policy proposal, and a vote shall be held to acknowledge the first reading of the policy. Any changes to the policy agreed to by consensus or by vote on a motion to amend shall be made prior to the second reading.

- C. At the next regular meeting, the policy shall be placed on the agenda for second reading and action. Amendments may be introduced and acted upon. If a main motion to approve the policy is not passed at such a meeting by a majority vote of Board members present and voting, the process for that policy is ended unless the Board, by vote, takes action to table further consideration of the policy or otherwise dispose of the policy (e.g., refer it back to the Governance Committee for further research).
- D. The Executive Director will be responsible for making new and revised policies available to board members, school personnel, students and the public by updating the school's website and/or other appropriate means as soon as practicable following adoption.

Legal Reference: 26 MRSA § 965(1) (C)

Cross Reference: BG - School Board Policy
CHD - Administration in the Absence of Policy

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