

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Series 400: Certified Personnel: Related Considerations

Policy No. 406.4

Policy Title: Grievance Procedures

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The Board recognizes that problems arise from time to time and that constructive and equitable solutions to them are necessary to the welfare of all persons concerned. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, equitable solutions to the problems which may arise.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Grievance:** A written allegation of a violation of school district policy Series 400.
2. **Grievant:** Any certified regular professional employee of the Post Falls School District No. 273.
3. **Days:** The term “days” will be working days.

PROCEDURE

1. The grievant will present the grievance in writing to the grievant’s principal within ten (10) working days after occurrence of the grievance. If circumstances beyond the control of the grievant warrant an extension of time, the principal may extend the time but not to exceed additional ten (10) days. The principal shall present a written decision to the grievant on the grievance within five (5) days after receiving the grievance.
2. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision of his/her grievance at Step 1, or if no decision has been presented within five (5) days, the grievant may present the grievance in writing to the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee. Such filing must be made within five (5) days after the decision from Step 1 or expiration of five (5) days from the date the grievance was submitted to the principal at Step 1. The Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee, shall present a written decision to the grievant on the grievance within seven (7) days after receiving the grievance.
3. If the grievant is not satisfied with the response of the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee, the grievant may request a review of the grievance by a hearing panel but must do so within ten (10) working days from the date of the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee’s decision, or the date such decision was due if not given. The panel will consist of three (3) persons, one (1) designated by the Superintendent, one (1) designated by the grievant, and one (1) agreed upon by the two appointed members for the purpose of reviewing the appeal. There shall be no new testimony or evidence, and the review shall be on the basis of the record at Step 1 and Step 2. Within ten (10) working days following completion of the review, the panel will submit its decision in writing to the grievant, the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees. The panel’s decision will be final and conclusive resolution of the grievance unless the Board of Trustees overturns the panel’s decision by resolution at the Board of Trustees’ next regularly scheduled meeting, which resolution shall then be final with no right of further appeal.
4. There shall be no reprisal of any kind against the grievant for reasons of his/her participation in the grievance process.

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