

Board of Education

Board Policy Development

The Board governs using written policies. Written policies support legal compliance, establish Board processes, articulate District ends, delegate authority, and define operating limits. Board policies also provide the basis for monitoring progress toward District ends.

Policy Development

Anyone may propose new policies, changes to existing policies, or deletion 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) receiving and reviewing input from those affected by the proposed policy changes, 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

Policies or policy revisions may be adopted at the Board meeting at which they are first introduced. Further Board consideration may be given at a subsequent meeting(s) and after opportunity for community input to amend a policy as needed.

The Board policies are available for public inspection on the District's website. Copy requests should be made pursuant to Board policy 2:250, *Access to District Public Records*.

Board Policy Review and Evaluation

The Board shall monitor its policies on an ongoing basis and consider whether any modifications are required.

Words Importing Gender

Throughout this policy manual, words importing the masculine and/or feminine gender include all gender neutral/inclusive pronouns.

Superintendent Implementation

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

In the absence of Board policy, the Superintendent is authorized to take appropriate action.

Suspension of Policies

The Board, by a majority vote of members present at any meeting, may temporarily suspend a Board policy not established by law or contract. The failure to suspend with a specific motion does not invalidate the Board action.

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

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

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