
Pittsford Schools

Policy Manual

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Pittsford Central School District

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Administrative and supervisory personnel will be considered to be those District employees officially designated by Board action as responsible for the administrative and supervisory tasks required to carry out Board policy, programs, decisions, and actions.

These employees shall meet all certification or Civil Service requirements as outlined in New York State Civil Service Law, and the Commissioner's regulations. Administrative and supervisory staff must be eligible to meet these requirements at the time of employment.

Abolishing an Administrative Position

Existing administrative positions will not be abolished by the Board without previous written notification of the impending abolition. This written notification must be served to the individual currently holding that position. In all cases, the individual currently holding the position should receive as much advance notice as possible.

Education Law Section 1709, 2503(5), and 3013

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY**During the Absence of the Superintendent**

The Superintendent will delegate to another administrator the authority and responsibility for making decisions and taking actions as may be required during the absence of the Superintendent.

In the Absence of Board Policy

Periodically, problems and new questions arise for which no specific policy has been prepared. Members of the administrative staff will act in a manner consistent with the existing policies of the District and will alert the Superintendent to the possible need for additional policy development.

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SUBJECT: USE OF COMMITTEES

Standing and/or ad hoc committees may be appointed to study and to recommend courses of action in response to department, building or District needs. These committees may be appointed by the Board, the Superintendent or other administrators, with the knowledge of the Superintendent, and in accordance with the range of responsibilities of the appointing body or administrator to whom the committee shall report. The composition of each committee shall reflect its purpose and each committee shall follow the Board approved charter for that committee.

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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**Superintendent**

The Board shall conduct annually a formal performance evaluation of the Superintendent. The formal procedures used to complete the evaluation are to be filed in the District Office, and to be made available for review by any individual, no later than August 1 of each year.

The formal performance procedures shall include written criteria, a description of the review procedures, provisions for discussion between the Superintendent and Board Officers, and methods used to record results of the evaluation. The Superintendent shall be granted the opportunity to respond to the evaluation in writing.

Evaluation of Administrative Staff

The Superintendent shall conduct an evaluation of all administrative personnel.

The purposes of this evaluation are:

- a) To determine the adequacy of administrative staffing;
- b) To improve administrative effectiveness;
- c) To encourage and promote self-evaluation by administrative personnel;
- d) To provide a basis for evaluative judgments by the Superintendent and the Board;
- e) To make decisions about continued employment with the District.
- f) To establish annual goals articulated with Values and Vision, and Strategic Initiatives.

8 NYCRR Section 100.2(o)(2)

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SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the District. He or she is responsible for carrying out Board policy and for keeping it informed of matters which should be weighed by the Board in reaching decisions. He or she is responsible to the Board in his or her stewardship of the entire District.

The Superintendent will have the specific powers and duties discussed below and will be directly responsible to the Board for their proper exercise. As chief executive officer of the Board, he or she will:

- a) Attend all regular, special, and work meetings of the Board except that the Superintendent may be excluded when his or her employment contract or performance is discussed in executive session;
- b) Administer all policies and enforce all rules and regulations of the Board;
- c) Review the local school situation and recommend to the Board areas in which new policies seem to be needed;
- d) Organize, administer, evaluate, and supervise the programs and personnel of all school departments, instructional and non-instructional;
- e) Recommend to the Board the appointment of all instructional and support personnel;
- f) Prepare and recommend to the Board the annual District budget in accordance with the format and development plan specified by the Board;
- g) Advise the public about the activities and needs of the schools through his or her written and spoken statements, and will be responsible for all news releases emanating from the local schools;
- h) Create all salary scales and administer the salary plan approved by the Board. Some of these salary scales will be developed within staff contracts negotiated under the provisions of the Taylor Law;
- i) Determine the need and make plans for plant expansion and renovation;
- j) Recommend for hire, evaluate, promote, and dismiss all professional and non-professional staff personnel;
- k) Prepare or supervise the preparation of the teacher's handbook, staff bulletins, and all other District-wide staff materials;
- l) Plan and coordinate the recruitment of teachers and other staff to assure the District of the best available personnel;

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SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Cont'd.)

- m) Plan and conduct a program of supervision of teaching staff that will have as its goal the improvement of instruction, and, at the same time, will assure that only the teachers found to have a high degree of competence will be recommended for tenure;
- n) Distinguish for all concerned between the areas of policy decisions appropriate to the Board and management decisions appropriate to the District's administrative personnel;
- o) Transfer personnel when necessary and/or desirable to promote optimal effectiveness. Any personnel transfers will be made pursuant to appropriate guidelines established by state laws, District policies and negotiated contracts; and
- p) Submit data from the School Report Card or other reports of student or District performance as prescribed by and in accordance with requirements of the Commissioner of Education.

Education Law Sections 1711, 2508, and 3003
8 NYCRR Section 100.2(m)

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SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT - BOARD RELATIONS

The Board believes that an effective relationship between the Superintendent and the Board is one of mutual trust and respect. This relationship is paramount to the well-being and success of the District. The Board's role is that of policy-making and the Superintendent's that of administering those policies; however, both offices shall recognize that frequently no definitive demarcation between the two functions is possible. Therefore, in areas of mutual concern, the most appropriate division of authority and responsibility shall be discussed.

The Board is accountable for all pursuits, achievements and duties of the District. The Board's specific role is to deliberate and to establish policies for the organization. The Board delegates the necessary authority to the Superintendent who, acting as chief executive officer, is held accountable to the Board for compliance with its policies.

- a) With respect to District goals and objectives, the Board will establish broad guidelines to be observed in the development of further policy and action. The Board reserves the right to issue either restrictive or general policy statements.
- b) Generally, the Superintendent will be empowered to assign and use resources; employ, promote, discipline and deploy staff; to translate policies of the Board into action; to speak as agent of the Board; to organize and delegate administrative responsibilities; and to exercise such other powers as are customary for chief executives.
- c) The Superintendent may not perform, cause, or allow to be performed any act that is unlawful, in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics; in violation of any contract into which the Board has entered; or, in violation of policies adopted by the Board that limit the Superintendent's authority.
- d) Should the Superintendent or his/her designee consider it unwise or impractical to comply with an explicit Board policy, the Superintendent will inform the Board of that determination. The Board will decide whether such judgment was warranted.

Education Law Section 1711