

151 BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION

The Board, representing the people of the School District, shall determine all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the public schools. In addition, the Board shall adopt policies and rules designed to organize and control its internal operations in an efficient and effective manner.

Policies shall be drafted, adopted, and amended with full consideration for the Board's wish to provide education of the best obtainable quality for the residents of our School District within the limitations of their ability to support it. In all cases, proposed new or amended policies shall explicitly state their potential contribution, either direct or intermediary, in furthering the stated goals of the schools as adopted by the Board.

Proposals regarding School District policy may originate in any of several sources: a parent, a taxpayer, an employee or an employee organization, a student or student organization, a Board member, the Superintendent, a consultant, a civic group, etc. Certain policies may be required by state and/or federal law; others may be formulated and adopted by the Board as long as they are in harmony with the intent and specifics of the law.

The Superintendent is authorized and directed to establish and maintain such administrative procedures as are necessary to ensure (1) that full and adequate deliberation by all interested parties or their representatives precedes all recommendations to the Board by the Superintendent for action, and (2) that routes of appeal are available for aggrieved parties to seek redress. The Superintendent's recommendations shall provide ample opportunity for both majority and minority reports.

Policies may be adopted or amended after consideration at two successive regular Board of Education meetings, following deliberation by the appropriate Committee (the respective initiating committee for the first reading and the Personnel Services Committee for the second reading). The agenda shall be marked to indicate policy matters. The formal adoption of policies shall be by majority vote of all Board members. Only those written statements so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official policy.

From time to time it may be necessary to establish rules for the effective internal operation of the Board, not otherwise covered under these policies or by the Rules of Order. Adoption of rules governing internal Board operations requires a majority vote of the Board. All such action shall be recorded in the Board minutes.

CROSS REF: Policy #185.2 – Personnel Services Committee
 Policy #185.3 - Educational Services Committee.

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