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ADOPTION OF POLICIES

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Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the board of education.

Proposals for new policies or amendments, revisions or repeals of current policies may be by any board member or the superintendent at any board meeting. A request to place the proposed policy on the agenda must be made in accordance with board policy.

Proposals for new policies or amendments to, revisions or repeals of current policies may be initiated in writing by any board employee, student, organization or citizen and presented to any member of the board or superintendent.

New policies proposed to the board shall require two (2) readings by the board at two (2) public meetings of the board and cannot be adopted by the board until the second reading. This will permit further study of the proposed new policies and also give an opportunity for interested parties to react. However, temporary approval of new policies may be granted by the board in lieu of formal policy to meet emergency conditions or special events which will take place before formal action can be taken.

Amendments to or revisions or repeals of existing policies shall only require one (1) reading except if the board determines that the amendment, revision or repeal needs further study and that an additional reading would be desirable.

All new policies and amendments to, revisions to or repeals of policies can only be adopted by majority vote of the board in accordance with policy 2.3420, Voting Methods. The superintendent must record the policy in the minutes of the board meeting in order for the policy to be considered official board policy.

Unless otherwise specified by the board, a policy is effective as of the date it is adopted by the board.

When a policy is needed to set new and important directions for the school system or when a proposed policy would substantially alter a major program or mode of operation, an ad hoc advisory committee may be named to examine policy needs in depth and make recommendations to the board. Such committees may be appointed by the superintendent or board and may be composed of persons representative of the administrative staff, instructional and non-instructional staffs, parents, students, and/or general community as appropriate to the policy area under construction. Such committees will be given guidelines as to the time at which and the manner in which they will make their reports.