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SUBJECT: POLICY

Board Policy Development Process

The Board considers policy development its chief function, along with appraisal of the results achieved through its policies.

In this regard, it is the intent of the Board to continually develop policies that will serve as guidelines and goals for the successful and efficient functioning of the public schools.

It is through the development and adoption of written policies that the Board will exercise its leadership in the operation of the School District.

Changes in needs, conditions, purposes and objectives will require an ongoing policy development process that includes the review, discussion, development, revision, adoption and dissemination of Board policies.

Formulation of Bylaws and Policies

The Board of Education is a legislative body and will provide rules (bylaws) for its own operation. The formulation and adoption of bylaws will constitute the guides for the Board of Education in its internal operations. The formal adoption of the bylaws will be recorded in the official minutes of the Board. Written statements so adopted and so recorded will be regarded as official bylaws of the Board of Education. For the purpose of State Law requirements, any written rule or policy of the School District will constitute a bylaw.

Development

While reserving for itself the responsibility and authority to determine policies for the School District, the Board may seek input from the school/community in the development of policies.

After receiving such input, final action on any policy will be taken by the Board in accordance with its policy adoption procedures. The Board will take action on policy matters as part of its regular business meeting.

Adoption

Since adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is a legal responsibility of the Board, policies will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.

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To permit time for study of all new policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or amendments will usually be presented as an agenda item. This will allow for discussion prior to revision, adoption or rejection of policies.

Administrative Action in the Absence of Policy

In cases where emergency action must be taken within the school system and where the Board has no written policy and has provided no guidelines for administrative action, the Superintendent will have power to act, subject to Board review at a regular or special meeting. It will be the Superintendent's duty to inform the Board promptly of such emergency action and of the need for appropriate policy development.

Education Law Sections 1604(9) and 1709(1) and (2)

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