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BOARD POLICY DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

It is the intention of the Board to develop policies and put them into writing so that they may serve as guidelines and goals for the successful and efficient functioning of the public schools.

The Board considers policy development its chief function, along with providing the wherewithal such as personnel, buildings, materials, and equipment for the successful administration, application, and execution of its policies.

The Board endorses the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association: "Policies are principles adopted by the School Board to chart a course of action. They tell what is wanted; they may include why and how much. Policies should be broad enough to indicate a line of action to be followed by the administration in meeting a number of problems, yet narrow enough to give clear guidance. Policies are guides for action by the administration, which then sets the rules and regulations to provide specific directions to school district personnel."

It is the Board's intention that its policies serve as sources of information and guidance for all people who are interested in, or connected with, the public schools.

The policies of the Board are framed, and meant to be interpreted, in terms of state laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Education, and all other regulatory agencies within our local, county, state and federal levels of government.

Changes in needs, conditions, purposes, and objectives will require revisions, deletions, and additions to the policies of present and future boards. The Board will welcome suggestions for ongoing policy development.

SECTION 2. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Superintendent shall recommend for the Board's approval new and revised District policies needed for the direction and control of the schools. A careful and orderly process shall be used in examining policy proposals prior to action upon them by the Board.

Final action on such proposals, whatever their source, shall be by the Board in accord with its policy on policy adoption. The Board shall take action on most matters upon the basis of recommendations presented to the Board by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall base his/her recommendations upon the outcomes of study and upon the judgment of the professional staff and/or study committee.

SECTION 3. POLICY ADOPTION

Adoption of new policies or changing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board and shall be accomplished by vote of the Board at a regular or special meeting.

3.1 Amendments of Bylaws:

The bylaws (identifiable as policies governing the Board's own operating procedures) may be amended by vote of the majority of the Board at a regular or special meeting, provided written notice and the text of the particular change proposed has been given to each member of the Board in advance.

SECTION 4. POLICY DISSEMINATION

The Superintendent is directed to establish and maintain an orderly plan for preserving and making accessible the policies adopted by the Board and the District's administrative regulations which are contained in the Board's policy manual.

Accessibility is to extend to all persons.

The Board's policy manual shall be considered a public record and shall be open for inspection at the central office. All policies posted to the web shall include a disclaimer that states the website is updated but if a verified copy of the current policy is needed they must contact the Superintendent's office.

SECTION 5. ABSENCE OF POLICY

In cases when action must be taken within the school system where the Board has provided no guides for administrative action, the Superintendent shall have the power to act.

His/her decisions, however, shall be subject to review by the Board at its next regular meeting. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to inform the Board promptly of such action and of the need for policy.

SECTION 6. POLICY REVIEW

In an effort to keep its written policies up to date so that they may be used consistently as a basis for Board action and administrative decision(s), it shall be the policy of the Board to review its policies on a continuing basis.

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