

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy 151.2

Absence of Policy Administration in the Absence of Board Policy

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In order for the Board of Education to govern Unity School District it establishes policy to guide the operation of the School District under the direction of the District Administrator. However, there are times in emergency situations or changes in law which require immediate action in which no policy has been developed and passed by the Board of Education.

School Board policy will not address all topics and issues or every implementation scenario that will arise in the day-to-day management and operation of the District. The Board also recognizes that the District Administrator is charged by state law with the general supervision and management of the professional work of the schools and the promotion of students, and that the Board itself expects the District Administrator and the District's other administrators to effectively perform the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions and to act as effective agents of the Board within their respective spheres of authority.

Therefore, the District Administrator and other administrative and supervisory staff are authorized, through the exercise of sound and reasonable professional judgment, to take or authorize action to address specific situations in the absence of an applicable Board policy or other Board directive. Such authority to act is not a requirement to act in all such situations or a requirement to otherwise immediately respond to a specific situation or request. Therefore, in the absence of policy, the Board of Education delegates that decision-making power to the District Administrator in case of emergency or where immediate action is needed. In such circumstances, Policy 253 authorizes the development of Administrative Rules.

The District Administrator's decisions are reportable and subject to review by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.