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0131.1 - BYLAWS AND POLICIES

The Board of Education shall adopt bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and the District <u>and shall</u> be bound to follow such bylaws and policies.

Those bylaws and policies which are not dictated by the statutes or rules of the State Board of Education or ordered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or a court of competent authority may be adopted, amended, and repealed at any meeting of the Board, provided the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal shall have been proposed at a previous Board meeting and, once proposed, shall have remained on the agenda of each succeeding Board meeting until approved or rejected, except that the Board may, upon a vote and where compelling reasons exist, cause to adopt, amend, or suspend bylaw or policy contained herein, provided the amendment, adoption, or suspension does not conflict with law. Any resolution adopting, amending, or suspending a bylaw or policy under this provision shall expire automatically at the next public meeting of the Board unless the Board moves to adopt the resolution in final form.

Bylaws shall be adopted, amended, or repealed by a vote of five (5) members of the full Board (physically present). Policies shall be adopted, amended, or repealed by a vote of four (4) members of the full Board (physically present). Bylaws and policies shall be adopted, amended, repealed, or suspended by a majority vote of the Board.

Periodically, it may be deemed necessary to make technical corrections to policies that have already been adopted through normal procedures. These technical corrections may include statutory references, scrivener's errors, renumbering that does not change the order of the sections or subsections, grammatical corrections or additions including punctuation or typographical errors, as well as alterations and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning of any sections, subsections, chapters, titles, or policies as a whole. Technical corrections may also include the updating of the named individuals in these policies where the originally named individual no longer works for the District or no longer works in the applicable position. Should the Board choose to make such technical corrections, it may be accomplished by resolution without going through the normal policy adoption procedures.

The Board may adopt, amend, or repeal rules of order for its own operation by simple resolution of the Board passed by a majority of those present and voting.

The adoption, modification, repeal, or suspension of a Board bylaw or policy shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board. All bylaws and policies shall be printed in the Board policy manual. Any policy or part of a policy that is superseded by a term in a negotiated agreement shall no longer be in force and effect as a policy.

Savings Clause

The adoption of these bylaws shall not be construed to alter existing rights or liabilities acquired or incurred at the time these bylaws take effect, not to alter or affect the term of office of the Board or of its officers or the organization or operation of the District, except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

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