BB 9311 BOARD POLICIES (First Read)

The School Board recognizes that its most important function is to establish policies, which communicate its direction for the management and control of the schools. Policies are written statements adopted by the Board, which communicate the guidelines and limits within which the Superintendent or Designee(s) and staff may take discretionary action.

(cf. 2210 - Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy)

The Board encourages members of the community to contribute information and opinions for the Board's consideration and propose revisions to policy.

The adoption of policy shall conform with Board Bylaws governing agenda, meetings, and voting. Only those written statements adopted and recorded in the minutes shall constitute official Board Policy.

Prior to adoption, policies shall normally be given two readings by the Board. At its second reading, the policy may be adopted by a majority vote of members of the Board. The Board may waive the second reading, <u>including but not limited to, when circumstances or situations exist, such as alignment to or compliance with state or federal law. The Board may also or may require additional readings before adoption, as the Board deems necessary.</u>

In addition to presenting drafts or suggestions recommendations for new policy or administrative regulation or policy or administrative regulation revisions when changes in law occur or when a specific need arises, the Superintendent and/or Designee(s), shall maintain procedures for the continuous orderly review of existing policies at a time allocated for this purpose on the agenda of regular Board meetings. When policies are amended, the Superintendent and/or Designee(s) shall review corresponding Administrative Regulations to ensure that they conform with the intent of the revised policy.

When drafting or revising Board Policies which affect other governmental agencies or areas of common interest, the Superintendent and/or Designee(s) shall seek input from these agencies and shall express the Board's desire to cooperate with them in addressing matters of mutual concern.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

Legal Reference

<u>ALASKA STATUTES</u> <u>14.14.100</u> Bylaws and administrative rules

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