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## **221 MACRO GOVERNANCE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Becker School Board is to ensure that the Becker School District: (a) achieves appropriate results for the School District's students at an appropriate cost; and (b) avoids unacceptable actions and situations.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The Board will govern lawfully with an emphasis on organizational vision, encourage diversity in viewpoints, focus on strategic leadership, observe clear distinction between Board and Superintendent roles, make collective decisions, exhibit future orientation, and govern proactively.

### **III. GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

- A. The Board will cultivate a sense of group responsibility. The Board will work in a partnership with the Superintendent, staff, students, parents, and the residents of the school district. The Board, not the superintendent or staff, will be responsible for excellence in governing.
- B. The Board will hold itself accountable for governing with excellence. This self-discipline will apply to policymaking principles, respect of roles, ensuring the continuity of governance capability, and ~~endeavoring to~~ make policy decisions only after discussion at public board meetings.
- C. The Board will direct, control, and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of written policies reflecting the Board's values and perspectives. The Board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term benefits for students, not on the administrative or programmatic means of attaining those benefits.
- D. The board will monitor its process and performance on a regular basis. Self-monitoring will include comparison of Board activity and discipline to the process required by this policy.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. 123B.09

***Cross References:*** Policy 201 (Legal Status of the School Board)  
Policy 222 (Board-Superintendent Relationship)