

Bylaws of the Board

Board Policies

The Board of Education recognizes that one of its most important functions is to establish policies which communicate its direction for the operation of the schools. Policies are written statements adopted by the Board which communicate the guidelines and limits within which the Superintendent or designee and staff may take discretionary action except where the Board gives specific direction. (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. When drafting or revising Board policies which affect other governmental agencies or areas of common interest, the Superintendent or designee shall seek input from these agencies and shall express the Board's desire to cooperate with them in addressing matters of mutual concern. (cf. 9323.1 - Order of Business)

In addition to presenting drafts or suggestions for new policy and policy revisions when changes in law occur or when a specific need arises, the Superintendent or designee, as policy coordinator, shall maintain procedures for the continuous orderly review of existing policies. Policies not amended shall be officially readopted by the Board.

The Board shall review certain policies annually, as required by law. (Education Codes 35160.5 and 48980) (cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment; cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, respectively)

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

Prior to adoption, policies shall be given two readings by the Board unless the second reading is waived by Board action.

At its second reading, the policy may be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Board. The Board may waive the second reading and take action or may require additional readings.

When policies are amended, the Superintendent or designee shall review corresponding administrative regulations to ensure that they conform to the intent of the revised policy.

(Legal Reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.5 Annual review of school district policies

35163 Official actions, minutes and journal

35164 Vote requirements

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