

BOARD POLICY

A. **Policy Philosophy:** It is through development and adoption of development of policies and implementation and enforcement of those policies that there can be the efficient functioning of the school district. Written policies also serve as guides for discretionary actions of those to whom the Board delegates discretionary authority and as a source of information and guidance for all persons who are interested in, and affected by, the district schools. Policies of the Board shall be interpreted pursuant to state laws, regulations of the State Board of Education, and other applicable county, state and federal regulations.

B. **Policy Development:** Policy development one of the Board's chief functions. Proposals regarding school district policies and operations may originate at any of several sources: a parent, a student, a community resident, an employee, a member of the Board, the superintendent/chief executive officer (CEO), a consultant, or a civic group. A careful and orderly process will be used in examining such proposals prior to action upon them by the Board. Final action on policy proposals will be by the Board in accordance with this policy.

C. **Policy Adoption, Amendment or Rescission:** Adoption of new policies, amending current policies or rescission of current policies is solely the responsibility of the Board. Policies will be adopted, amended or rescinded only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board present after consideration of such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting. The Board may defer adoption of a policy, amendment to a current policy or rescission of a current policy to a later date pending further study. Policies will be effective upon adoption by the Board. Once adopted, policies of the Board will be made available to the community, staff and students.

D. **Suspension of Policy:** Board policies may be suspended in case of emergency and only upon four board members voting to suspend one or more specifically identified policies. The motion to suspend a policy must include the reason(s) for the proposed action. To the extent possible under the circumstances and in compliance with SDCL 1-25 public notice of the proposed action shall be given. Nothing within this provision authorizes the Board to suspend a policy if the effect of the suspension of policy is contrary to law.

E. **Absence of Board Policy:** In the absence of Board policy specifically covering any action that the superintendent/chief executive officer (CEO) feels he/she must take for the orderly execution of his/her duties and efficient operation of the school district, the superintendent/chief executive officer (CEO) may take action that is in harmony and consistent with existing Board policy. In each case in which the superintendent/chief executive officer (CEO) takes such action, the superintendent/ chief executive officer (CEO) will present the matter to the Board for its review and consideration at its next meeting. Nothing within this provision, however, authorizes the superintendent/chief executive officer (CEO) to take such action when the action involves a duty of the Board that by law cannot be delegated or contrary to law.

G. Policy Review The Board will review its policies on a continuing basis. Each policy shall be reviewed at least every three years, and the date of review and/or amendments for each policy or date of policy adoption shall be noted on the policy.

The superintendent/chief executive officer (CEO) and school board president shall have the responsibility for ensuring compliance with this provision. The Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for advising the Board regarding policies that are out of date or for other reason appear to need revision.

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