

The need for policies originates from many sources. Any Board member who has a request for a new policy or an amendment to an existing one should share that with the superintendent who will prepare a draft for full Board consideration. From time-to-time issues may arise spontaneously about a need for Board policy and the Board members may request a draft policy for consideration at the next meeting.

Policies will be considered once and approved on first reading before final adoption at the next meeting when the policy is approved on second reading. Two readings permit further study and also provide an opportunity for interested parties to react. However, temporary approval may be granted by the board in lieu of formal policy to meet emergency conditions or special events which will take place before formal action can be taken.

During discussion of a policy proposal, the views of the public, parents, students and staff will be considered. Amendments may be proposed by board members during the discussion prior to approval on second reading. An amendment will not require that the policy go through an additional reading except as the board determines that the amendment needs further study and that an additional reading would be desirable. The board must adopt by majority vote and the superintendent must record the policy in the minutes of the board meeting in order for the policy to be considered official board policy.

Unless otherwise specified by the board, a policy is effective as of the date it is adopted by the board.

No policy formally adopted by the board of education may be revised or rescinded except by majority vote of all members constituting the board of education, in accordance with policy 2342, Voting Methods.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36

Cross References: Board Meetings Agenda (policy 2330), Voting Methods (policy 2342), Policy Review and Evaluation (policy 2440)

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