

Section B: School Board Governance and Operations

BG Policy Process

The Board of Directors of Region 8 is responsible for developing policy for the school. The Board will maintain and follow an up-to-date policy manual. Included are policies required by state and federal statutes and regulations as well as those policies written and adopted by the Region 8 Board for the efficient operation of the school.

Recommendations for revisions and new policies will be coordinated through the Director and the Board's Policy Committee.

New policies or changes to existing policies will be submitted to the Board at a regular Board meeting. Comments from the public and Board members will be accepted. If substantial changes are made at the first reading, the Board will make a decision on whether or not to send it back for another first reading. If the changes are not substantial, the Board can accept the policy on the first reading and refer it to the next regular Board meeting for a second reading and final approval.

When a proposed revision or review of a policy does not change the intent of a policy (e.g. the changes consist of grammatical corrections, gender neutral language, syntax, etc.) it need not be brought before the Board for approval.

The policy process will be pro-active and inclusive. Policies will be made with input from individuals and groups within the school community, from the Superintendents Advisory Committee or by suggestions from Maine School Management Association and the Director of Region 8.

Under circumstances determined by the Director and the Board Chair to be an emergency, a policy can be submitted to the Board by the Director and adopted in the same session.

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