

Teton School District No. 401

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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District Policy

The adoption of new policies and the revision and amending of existing policies shall be the sole responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

All policies shall conform to local, state, and federal laws as well as to the rules and regulations of the Idaho Department of Education.

Adoption and Amendment of Policies

Proposed new policies and proposed changes in existing policies shall be presented in writing for reading and discussion at a regular or special Board meeting. Such proposals may be referred to the superintendent for detailed study as needed prior to Board action on the proposal. The Board encourages the superintendent to contact other experts to have potential board policy researched. Interested parties, including any Board member, citizen, or employee of the Board may submit views, present data or arguments, orally or in writing, in support of or in opposition to proposed policy. Any written statement by a person relative to a proposed policy or amendment should be directed to the District clerk prior to the second reading.

Proposed new policies and proposed changes in existing policies shall undergo a minimum of one (1) reading in the following manner:

1. At a regular or special Board meeting the proposed new or amended policy shall be presented in writing for reading and discussion.
2. The final vote for adoption shall take place not earlier than at the first reading of the particular policy.

Although approval of a new or amended policy requires a minimum of one (1) reading, 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.

Proposals for new policies or changes to existing policies may be recommended in writing by any board member, employee, or community member. However, requests for changes to an existing policy, suspension of an existing policy, or removal of an existing policy, will not be accepted, if the policy has had changes, or was adopted as a new policy, within one (1) calendar year of the request to change, suspend, or remove, unless changes must be made to remain consistent with current law.

Policies will be adopted and/or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board when such action has been scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting. All new or amended policies shall become effective upon adoption, unless a specific effective date is provided in the motion for adoption.

Policies as adopted or amended shall be made a part of the minutes of the meeting at which action was taken and shall also be included in the District's policy manual. Policies of the District shall be reviewed annually by the Board.

Administration in Absence of Policy

In cases where action must be taken before the next board meeting and where the Board has provided no policies or guides for administrative actions, the superintendent shall have the power to act.

His/her decisions, however, shall be subject to review by action of the Board at its next regular meeting. In addition, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to inform the Board of such action and the need for policy.

Suspension of Policies

Under circumstances which require a waiver of a policy, the policy may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present. In order to suspend a policy, all trustees must have received written notice of the meeting which included a proposal to suspend the policies with an explanation of the purpose of such proposed suspension. If such a proposal is not made in writing in advance of the meeting, the policies may only be suspended by a unanimous vote of all trustees present.

Policy Committee

The adoption of new policies and the revision and amending of existing policies shall be the sole responsibility of the Board of Trustees. At the discretion of the Board, The Policy Committee may be utilized to provide feedback and suggest revisions to proposed policy. As per the TEA Master Agreement, a member of the Teachers Association assigned by the Association President, will be included on the Policy Committee. The Board shall be solely responsible to make the final decision regarding policy revision and approval.

The board, Board Chair, Superintendent and/or Designee shall identify any policy appropriate for review by the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee shall abide by open meeting laws and will provide the Board with recommendations and/or feedback regarding the identified policy. The Board reserves the right to make the final decision.

Policy Manuals

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a current policy manual which contains the policies of the District. Each administrator, as well as staff, students and other residents, shall have ready access to the manual. The policy manual will be posted on the Teton School District website.

Legal References: I.C. § 33-506 Organization and government of board of trustees
I.C. § 33-512 Governance of schools

Policy History:

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