

Policies may be proposed for adoption, amendment or repeal at any board meeting by any member of the board or by the superintendent. A request to place the proposed policy on the agenda must be made in accordance with board policy.

The board may make revisions to existing policies with one public reading. However, new policies introduced and recommended to the board will not be adopted until a subsequent meeting. There will be a first reading to allow for announcements and distribution of proposed new policies. Then there will be a second reading to allow for policy modification after the first reading and for additional discussion and opportunity for concerned groups or individuals to react to the policy proposals. The third reading will allow for final discussion and final action by the board on the policy proposals.

The vote on the proposal to adopt a new policy will occur only after at least four weeks have passed since the meeting at which the proposal was first placed on the agenda. Thus, time will be given to permit further study and also to present 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 that will take place before formal action can be taken. In such cases, the superintendent shall inform concerned groups or individuals about the reasons for this necessity.

During discussion of a new policy proposal, the views of the public, parents, students and staff will be considered. Board members may propose amendments. 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No policy formally adopted by the board of education may be revised or rescinded except by majority vote in accordance with policy 2342, Voting Methods.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36

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

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