

School Board Members & Their Role in Policy

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The Boards Role in Policy

the **BOARD**

Reviews suggestions from Superintendent, debates and adopts

1. Adopts policies for the governance and management of the school district.

2. Clearly defines for the superintendent the intent of the board and actions necessary for implementation.

3. Reviews administrative procedures, rules and regulations which implement the board's policy.

4. Reviews and evaluates board policy on a regular annual basis.



The Board is “the what”

BB 9311 SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Note: Pursuant to [A.S. 14.14.100](#), policies relating to the management and control of the district must be expressed in written bylaws formally adopted at regular board meetings. The following sample bylaw may be revised to reflect district philosophy and needs.

**Receives and acts on policy
recommendations of the
Superintendent!**



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Seek Input on District Policies

BB 9310 POLICY MANUAL (mid policy)

The School Board welcomes suggestions from the public regarding its adopted policies and regulations.

**Encourages members of the
community to contribute
information and opinions for the
School Board's consideration and
propose revisions to policy**

Establishes procedures to be used when adopting policy

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The adoption of policy shall conform with School Board bylaws governing agenda, meetings, and voting. Only those written statements adopted and recorded in the minutes shall constitute official School Board policy

Prior to adoption, policies shall normally be given two readings by the School Board. At its second reading, the policy may be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the School Board. The School Board may waive the second reading or may require additional readings.

The Policy Manual is a living document

The Board should continuously review policy.



Communicate the Districts Policies

BB 9310 POLICY MANUAL

In governing the district, the School Board has pledged to consider the will and needs of the community. The district's policy manual is developed, distributed and maintained for the purpose of communicating to interested parties the policies, regulations and bylaws within which our schools will operate.

Administrative Regulations?



Administrative Regulations vs Policies

Policies	AR's
Required Board Approval	Does NOT require board approval The Board can ask the Superintendent to revisit an AR if they feel the intent of the policy is not being honored
Sets the “What” the board wants	Gets into the “How” it will happen
Part of the policy manual	Also part of the policy manual

Questions?

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