# Board Policy Why does it matter to Good Governance? Tiffany Jackson, Director of Membership Services March 21<sup>a</sup>, 2023



### Taking the Lead and Board Standards

Vision Structure Accountability Advocacy

Conduct & Ethics https://aasb.org/board-standards/

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## Taking the Lead Means:

Securing Resources
Making Decisions
Monitoring Effectiveness

**Developing Policies** 



# What is the Connection Between Policy and Governance?

association of RLASKA school boards Boards define their role through

Board Bylaws and delegate
through Policy

Policy makes clear the Board's
Direction and intention





### **Board Policy**



Provides the framework for the dayto-day operations of the district. Keeps decision-making situationbased and not person-based

Helps keep the Board focused on governance and Board business

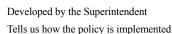


# Policy Composition Board Policy (BP) is the WHY



Policy tells us why and what needs to be done

# Administrative Regulation (AR) is the HOW







### **Policy Composition**

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Abbreviation for confer/conferatur Cross reference to related policies

### **Legal Reference:**

Laws and statutes which guide the content of the policy



### **Boards serve 3 functions**

Governance Executive Judicial



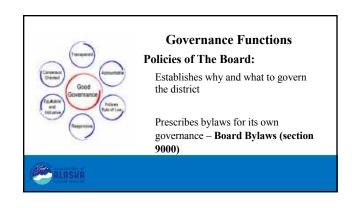
# association of ALASKA school boards

### Board Bylaw 9000 - Role of School Board and Members (Powers, Purposes, Duties)

"The Board may execute any powers delegated by law to it or to the district which it governs, and shall discharge any duty imposed by law upon it or upon the district which it governs."

- Governance Functions
- · Executive Functions
- · Judicial Functions





### **Executive Functions**

### **Policies of The Board Define:**

The **Superintendent** shall serve as the chief executive officer of the Board

The **Board delegates** to the Superintendent the authority to carry out Board decisions and to make and carry out any decisions which it delegates.



### **Executive Functions**

### **Policies of The Board Define:**

The **Superintendent** shall be fully responsible for the proper use of this authority

The **Board retains ultimate responsibility** for the performance of any powers or duties delegated.



### **Judicial Functions**

### **Policies of The Board Define:**

The ability to hear and resolve grievances, complaints, and criticisms.

Shall serve as a **body of appeal** for grievances, complaints, and criticisms in accordance with Board policies and negotiated employee agreements.



### Lead through Policy

Understand the policy process
Review policy on a regular basis
Link policy to major agenda items
Know where to find your policies
Ask the questions



### The Policy Process

- Identify the Need
- Analysis gather facts, identify options
- · Board study, discuss, identify basic elements
- · Draft the policy



### **The Policy Process**

- · Board review, public input
- · Corresponding Administrative Regulations
- Disseminate and Implement
- Review



### Questions?

Does your Board think in terms of policy?

Do you regularly schedule policies for review?

Do you look to policy before making decisions?

Do you know what policy has to do with governance?



### Where is my policy?

Usually it is now kept online

Example: AASB Policy Online service







### **BP 5113 ABSENCES AND EXCUSES**

The School Board believes that regular attendance plays a key role in the success a student achieves in school. The Board recognizes its responsibility under the law to ensure that students attend school regularly. Parents/guardians of children aged 7 to 16 are obligated to send their children to public school except as allowed by law. The Board shall abide by all state attendance laws and may use any legal means to correct the problems of excessive absence or truancy.

(cf. 5112.1 – Exemptions from Attendance) (cf. 5112.2 – Exclusions from Attendance)



