



School District Governance Association of New Hampshire

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School District Policy Development

Policy Code(s): BF, BG

Replaces NHSBA BF Board Policy Development, BFA Policy Development System, BFC Adoption of Policies, BFG Policy Review and Evaluation

Policy Text	Annotation
The School District Board (“Board”) is the sole enactor of the Policies of this School District (“District”).	Confirms the Board’s exclusive policy-enacting power.
Whereas the District is a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, and is governed by its elected Board; and whereas the School Administrative Unit (“SAU”) serves the District under the direction of its Board; no policy of the SAU is a policy of this District, unless the Board of this District has adopted it into the District’s policy manual.	Closes a loophole in NHSBA Policy AA, through which policies made by an SAU Board can be imposed upon a District.
In case of any conflict between District Policy and SAU Policy, District Policy shall be followed, except as required by law.	Establishes supremacy of District policy over any SAU policy.
The Board, with its standing Policy Committee, if any, develops District Policy. A Board member, or the Superintendent, may propose in a public meeting the development or change of a policy. The Superintendent shall convey any relevant Policy input provided by staff, students, parents, or taxpayers.	Names the Board, with its Policy Committee, as the developer of Policy. Clarifies that a Board member may propose policy development.
The Board may assign the development or change of a policy to its standing Policy Committee, or to itself..	The Board decides whether to develop Policy, and, if so, who shall do it.
The Policy Committee, or the Board if there is no Policy Committee, in consultation with the Superintendent, shall study the Policy proposal, consider any legal counsel the Board may procure, and prepare a written recommendation of Policy action or inaction. The recommendation shall include proposed Policy text, if any.	States the responsibilities of the Policy Committee. Limits the role of the Superintendent to a consultative one. Authorizes the Policy Committee, working through the Board, to get legal counsel for itself, instead of the Superintendent procuring legal counsel and providing it second-hand to the Committee.

<p>The Board shall take Policy action after the Policy in question, including the full title of the Policy, has appeared twice on the Board's public meeting agenda for a reading. The Superintendent shall publicly post, in the same place as the District's policy manual, any recommended Policy version. This shall be posted continuously for at least 5 days before public consideration by the Board, until the Board concludes its consideration.</p>	<p>Provides the public with ample opportunity to consider a proposed Policy, and to advocate for or against it.</p>
<p>References</p>	
<p>RSA 21-N:9, II(b)</p>	
<p>NH DOE Rules Ed 303.01 and Ed 306.04</p>	