AGENDA

Agenda Notes
- White copies are OSBA sample policies
- Blue copies are current HCSD policies
- Yellow copies are proposed revisions
- Item Status: M (Move Forward), T (Tabled), R (Refs Only) & N (No Action)

Section I – Review of Policies/Regulations/Exhibits as requested at the March 31, 2022 Board Meeting

Status

1. BF – Board Policy Development and Adoption
2. BFB – Preliminary Development of Policies
3. BFB-E – Preliminary Development of Policies
4. BFC – Policy Adoption
   - Not required policies – HCSD re-adopted May 11, 2015
   - Review as requested by Board of Education
   - Consider revising policy BF to combine language from BFB, BFB-E and BFC
   - Consider rescinding policies BFB, BFB-E and BFC
Board Policy Development and Adoption

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Final action by the Board on proposals shall be in accordance with this policy. The Board takes action on most matters on the basis of recommendations presented by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent bases his/her recommendations upon the results of a study and upon the judgment of the staff and study committees.

Policies introduced and recommended to the Board should not be adopted until a subsequent meeting in order to permit further study and provide opportunity for interested parties to react. However, temporary approval may be granted by the Board in lieu of formal adoption to address emergency conditions or special events, which may occur before formal action can be taken.

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CROSS REFs.: AD, Development of Philosophy of Education
BDDG, Minutes
BFCA, Board Review of Regulations (Also CHB)
BFD, Policy Dissemination
BFE Administration in Policy Absence (Also CHD)
BFF, Suspension of Policies
BFG, Policy Review and Evaluation
CH, Policy Implementation

NOTE: One of the first policy needs of the board is a policy, or set of policies, on policy development. The policy above is one of a set of policies adopted by an Ohio school board. Other statements covered Preliminary Development of Policies (code BFB) and Policy Adoption (code BFC); however, a policy that includes content related to these categories could be included under the more general code, BF, Board Policy Development.

Any policy establishing a policy council or advisory committee is usually included under this category. Specific regulations pertaining to the functioning of such groups can be filed under code BCE-R. A regulation pertaining to drafting and development of board policy would ordinarily require official board approval.

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Preliminary Development of Policies

Proposals regarding District policies and operations may originate at any of several sources: a parent, a student, a community resident, an employee, a member of the Board, the Superintendent, a consultant, a civic group.

A careful and orderly process shall be used in examining such proposals prior to action upon them by the Board.

All proposed new policies, revisions of current policies or additions to current policies shall be reviewed by the Policy Review Committee prior to being presented to the Board for adoption. The Policy Review Committee shall be composed of two Board members, representation of building and District level administrators and others as appointed by the Board or the Superintendent/designee.

Cross References  BFC - Policy Adoption
Preliminary Development of Policies
PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES

1. Topic: __________________________________________

2. Why policy is needed: __________________________________________

3. Controlling Factors: State laws related to topic, budget limitations, etc.

4. Key points to be covered in policy:
   A. __________________________________________
   B. __________________________________________
   C. __________________________________________
   D. __________________________________________
   E. __________________________________________
   F. __________________________________________
   G. __________________________________________
   H. __________________________________________
   I. __________________________________________

5. Date of: First Reading _________ Second Reading _________ Adoption _________
Policy Adoption

Adoption of new policies or changing or repealing existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board/policy review committee. Policies shall be adopted, amended or repealed 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 meeting.

Proposals for a new policy or for the amendment or repeal of existing policy shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent for submission to the Board. Two readings at two separate meetings shall normally be required before a new policy or a policy amendment can be adopted. Action to adopt will take place at a subsequent or third meeting of the Board. The Board does have the option, however, of voting for adoption at the second meeting.

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A policy may also be introduced and sponsored by a Board member at a regular Board meeting. With a specific finding by a supermajority of the Board for an emergency, temporary approval of a policy may be granted at the same meeting. Absent a finding of an emergency, the policy introduced and sponsored by a Board member shall be assigned to the Policy Review Committee and Superintendent for review and a recommendation.
Final action on proposals, whatever their sources, is by the Board in accordance with this policy. The Board takes action on most matters on the basis of recommendations presented by the Superintendent. The Superintendent/designee bases his/her recommendations upon the recommendations from the Policy Review Committee, results of a study and upon the judgment of the staff and study committees.

The Policy Review Committee is charged with reviewing all sponsored policy additions or updates. The following careful and orderly process is used when examining policy proposals prior to Board action.

- The Policy Review Committee shall be composed of two Board members assigned by the Board President during the Organizational Meeting, representation of building and District level administrators, and others as appointed by the Board or Superintendent/designee.
- The Policy Review Committee shall by majority vote via secret ballot make a recommendation for each sponsored policy proposal prior to referring the policy proposal back to the Board for a first reading.
  - If a policy does not receive a positive recommendation, a summary of the concerns shall be prepared by the Board Chair to be shared with the Board upon the referral back to the Board for a first reading.
  - All policies referred back to the Board for a first reading shall include a summary of the Policy Review Committee's recommendation, a written opinion from legal counsel, and the results of any studies undertaken by the administration.
- A policy proposal referred back from the Policy Committee with a recommendation shall receive two public readings before a vote by the Board in order to permit further study and provide opportunity for interested parties to react.
  - A majority vote of the Board may suspend the requirement of receiving the Policy Review Committee recommendation or
  - Refer a policy back to the Policy Review Committee or
  - Reduce the number of Subsequent readings

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