

Adoption and Revision of Policies

Adopting new policies and changing or repealing existing policies are solely the Board's responsibilities. Policy will be adopted and amended or repealed only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members. Such action will be scheduled on the agenda of a regular or special meeting.

Proposed policies or policy changes and repeal of existing policies will be presented in writing for consideration by the Board.

To permit time for studying all new policies or amendments to policies and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or amendments will be presented as a Board agenda item in the following sequence:

1. Distribution with agenda as an information item. This announces that a policy is being developed in a particular area and that interested parties may submit suggestions;
2. First reading of proposed policy or policies; response from the superintendent; report from any Board or advisory committee assigned responsibility in the area; Board discussion and directions for any redrafting. During discussion of a policy proposal, the views of the public and staff will be considered. Amendments may be proposed by Board members. An amendment will not require the policy go through an additional reading except as the Board determines that the amendment needs further study and an additional reading would be advantageous;
3. Second reading of proposed policy or policies; response from the superintendent; report from any Board or advisory committee assigned responsibility in the area; Board discussion and directions for any redrafting. During discussion of a policy proposal, the views of the public and staff will be considered. Amendments may be proposed by Board members. An amendment will not require the policy go through an additional reading except as the Board determines that the amendment needs further study and an additional reading would be advantageous.

When, in the best interests of the district, immediate adoption of a proposed policy is necessary, the Board may adopt such policy at the first meeting in which it is presented.

Policies and amendments adopted by the Board will be attached to, and made a part of, the minutes of the meeting at which they are adopted and also will be included in the district's policy manual.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 332.505](#)

[OAR 581-022-1610](#)

[OAR 581-022-1720](#)