Governance Process GP-14

Development and Revision of Board Policy

It is the Board's responsibility to develop and maintain governing policy. A systematic, predictable means of developing and revising policy promotes community, school, parent, and student involvement in policy decisions of the Board and encourages careful and well informed decision-making by the Board. Accordingly, the Board will develop new policy or substantially revise existing policy as follows:

1. Introduction

Proposals regarding District policies and operations may originate at any of several sources, including but not limited to: a parent, a community member, an employee, a member of the School board, the Superintendent, a professional consultant, or a civic group. Proposals should be submitted to either a board member or the superintendent for Board consideration.

2. First Reading

Any policy or policy revision proposal that is introduced pursuant to Item 1 above, will be given a "first reading" by the Board at the scheduled time on the agenda. After the first reading, if the Board feels it will be helpful to its decision-making process, the Board will open discussion to those attending the meeting. After all comments have been received, the Board will discuss the policy.

If the policy or policy revision fails to meet with the approval of a majority of the Board, it will be eliminated from further discussion. The policy may be redrafted and resubmitted for another first reading.

If the policy or policy revision, with or without amendments, meets with approval of a majority of the Board it will be placed on the agenda for the next monthly business meeting under "action items."

3. Second Reading and Adoption

A policy or policy revision that is placed on the agenda as an action item pursuant to being given a "first reading" shallwill receive a second reading. After the reading, the Board will open discussion to those attending the meeting. After all comments have been received, the Board will discuss the policy.

After the second reading, upon motion and second, the policy or policy revision may be adopted, with or without amendments, by approval of a majority of the Board. If extensive or controversial amendments are necessary as determined by the Board President, the policy will be rescheduled as an action item, as amended, for the next monthly business meeting of the Board and will receive another reading.

Readings may be aloud or silent, at the discretion of the President. Copies of the proposal will be provided for those attending the meeting.

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In case of an emergency, with a vote of the majority of the Board, the process can be expedited.

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Latest Revision: May 19, 2025

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Legal References: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (specific duties of board)-

Monitoring Method: Board self-assessment

Monitoring Frequency: Annually in May

Monitored and Reviewed:

Policy reviewed at Board Policy Workshop on 4-8-25. The Board opted to keep their own current version of GP-14 related to "Introduction". Minor changes made to the existing policy by added commas as needed and changing "shall" to "will" where needed.