

Sparta Area School District

Article 109 - Development and Changing of Policy

The Board of Education recognizes that its chief function is the development of policy which will govern the operation of the school system and the ongoing evaluation of this policy.

Board policy may be developed, amended or suspended by majority vote of those members in attendance at a regular Board meeting or a properly called special Board meeting where written notice of pending policy development or change was given. Board policy recommendations will typically come through the action of a Board committee, although this is not a requirement. The following standing Board committees are responsible for policy review and study on the stated topics:

1. Finance and Facilities Committee – Policies relating to maintenance and non-instructional operations, new construction, business, administration and community relations.
2. Personnel and Educational Initiatives Committee: Policies relating to instruction and instructional materials, employed personnel, co-curricular activities, student personnel and internal Board operations.

When considering policy changes, the Board should:

1. Listen to all points of view but base the final decision on the best interest of the School District.
2. Be aware of state and federal laws and regulations.
3. Consider present and future implications.
4. Allow sufficient time for making policy decisions.

Requests for exceptions or suspension of Board policy should be made in writing to the Board president who will determine whether or not the request has sufficient merit to be considered by the Board at a future meeting of a standing committee or by the full board.

Board policy language should be written as to be positive in terminology, constructive in nature, respectful of the rights of individuals, and easily understood.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statute 120.12

Cross Reference: Article 107 – Meetings of the Board of Education
 Article 108 – Powers of the Board of Education

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