

# **GOVERNANCE POLICIES OF THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

## **BG 2.11**

### **DISTRICT POLICIES: DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION AND EVALUATION**

#### **Development and Adoption**

(1) While reserving onto itself the responsibility and authority to determine policies for MPS, the Board is earnest in its desire to seek out the judgment and counsel of, students, employees, and community members in the development of policies before final adoption.

(2) Accordingly, proposals for new district policies or changes in existing district policies may be submitted by any party, including, but not limited to, board members, students, student organizations, individual community members, community based organizations, employees, or employee organizations. All such proposals shall be in writing, presented at a regular Board meeting, and referred by the Board president to the appropriate committee(s) for study and recommendation.

(3) It is at the committee stage that the Superintendent; the Board Clerk/Director, Office of Board Governance; and/or the management of the Office of Accountability and Efficiency shall submit their recommendations on the proposed policy. After considering the proposed policy, the committee shall submit its recommendations to the Board for approval.

(4) The amendment and repeal of district policies shall be done in the same manner as is described above for the adoption of district policies. A recorded affirmative majority vote of the Board membership shall be necessary for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of district policies, unless specifically provided for elsewhere.

(5) The Board reserves onto itself the authority to review and approve operating procedures initiated by the Administration to effectuate Board policy.

#### **Evaluation and Monitoring**

(1) Newly created policies and procedures shall include a monitoring and evaluation function that enables the Board to assess compliance with or effectiveness of the policy or procedure. Similarly, any policy or procedure that does not currently have a monitoring and evaluation function shall be revised to include one during its next revision.

(2) Each fifth year, the Board and its designee shall revisit all of its policies, rules, and procedures to determine their coherence and appropriateness to the present mission of the District.

(3) Board Rules and Board Governance Policies shall be evaluated and monitored by the Office of Board Governance.

(4) Administrative Policies and Procedures shall be evaluated and monitored by the Administration. When appropriate, the Office of Accountability and Efficiency may monitor and/or evaluate the effectiveness of Administrative policies, independent of and/or in cooperation with the Administration, and may report any concerns or recommendations thereto to the Board.

History: Codified 1976, 1980; Revised 1994, 4-20-95, 4-25-96, 10-29-15  
Previous Coding: BG 2.12, prior to 6-26-96  
Legal Ref.: W.S. 119.16(1m); 119.18(1g), (1r)  
Cross Ref. Board Rule 1.02 Regular Board Meetings  
1.10 Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, New Business  
1.11 Amendments to the Rules  
1.14 Voting Methods  
1.17 President's Duties and Powers: Ex Officio Membership  
2.08 Committee on Legislation, Rules and Policies – Powers and Duties  
Bd. Gov. Policy 2.03 Board Power and Duties  
3.01 Board-Appointed Officials  
Admin. Policy 2.06 Development of Administrative Procedures  
9.04 Community Involvement in Decision Making

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