

Policy Reviews and Modifications – Action – Board

Action to be taken: I move the Board approve the Board/Superintendent Linkage policies as presented.

At the October 24, 2012 board meeting, the Board conducted a first reading of proposed revisions to the five B/SL (Board/Superintendent Linkage) policies.

Modifications on 10/24 were made as follows—new language is in ***bold script***, language to be deleted is lined out. A clean copy of each of the five B/SL policies as presented for action is attached.

- B/SL 2, 2 In the case of Board members or committees requesting information or assistance without Board authorization, ***those requests can be brought to the Superintendent or members of the Superintendent's succession plan and the Communications Director, cc'ing the Superintendent.*** The Superintendent can refuse such requests that are, in the Superintendent's opinion, disruptive or require a significant amount of staff time or funds.
- B/SL 4, 3 As long as the Superintendent uses any reasonable interpretation of the Board's Ends and Executive Limitations policies, the Superintendent is authorized to establish all further District policies, make all decisions, take all actions, establish all practices and develop all activities ***subject to approval by the Board where required by law.*** Such decisions of the Superintendent shall have full force and authority as if decided by the Board.
- B/SL 4, 4 The Board may change its Ends and Executive Limitations policies at any time, thereby shifting the boundary between Board and Superintendent domains. By doing so, the Board changes the latitude of choice given to the Superintendent. But as long as any particular delegation is in place, the Board will respect and support the Superintendent's choices, ***subject to approval by the Board where required by law*** even though ~~such Superintendent~~ choices may not be the choices the Board or its members may have made.
- B/SL 5, 2b By external report, in which an external, objective third party ~~selected~~ ***agreed to*** by the Board assesses compliance or reasonable progress with Board policies;
- B/SL 5, 2c By direct Board inspection, in which the whole Board, a Board committee, or a designated member or members duly charged by the Board formally assesses compliance with or reasonable progress on the appropriate policy criteria, augmented with the Superintendent's justification for the reasonableness of his/her interpretation;.
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