

**MEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICIES
2009-10**

The Board of Education is the elected body responsible to the people for the operation of its public schools. While the board is responsible, the board is only able to assume this responsibility during the time that the board is in active session. Individual board members have no more governing authority than do any other citizens; only when a majority vote of the board during open session of a legally constituted meeting occurs is the decision of the board legal and binding.

In order to provide for the continued operation of the school district in the absence of board meetings, the board adopts policies. These policies are the principles by which a course of action for the district is established. These policies are the voice of the board and are utilized by the administration to supervise the day to day operation of the district between the meetings of the board.

As the voice of the board, the importance of board policies cannot be understated. It is only through board policy or direct vote of the board that changes may be made in the school system. Policy items that need to be considered by the board are enumerated below.

At the July 2009 meeting the board committed to a systematic review of its policies. This review recognizes the importance of having clear policies to guide the administration in the day to day operation of the school district. As the board began this review, it dealt with the policies that governed its internal procedures first and then followed with other ‘chapters’ of policy that defines the relationship of the board with the public, administration, staff and students. It is for this reason that the policy sections listed below are not necessarily reviewed in the order presented in the policy manual.

Section	Deals With	Reviewed/Revised
Series 1000	Philosophy/Community Relations	December 09 & January 10
Series 2000	Administration	November 2009
Series 3000	Business and Non-Instructional Operations	February & March 2010
Series 4000	Personnel	April-?? 2010
Series 5000	Students	Pending
Series 6000	Instructional Program	Pending
Series 7000	New Construction	Pending
Series 8000	Internal Board of Education Operations	October 2009
Series 9000	Board of Education By-Laws	August & September 2009
Series 10000	Currently not used but scheduled for handbooks/agreements/etc.	

In addition to the systematic review of board policies, certain policies in the manual may be reviewed as needs change or when review is necessitated by regulation or requirement.

The policies that appear in the sections located elsewhere each indicate the most recent date of adoption, review and/or revision.

This site was last updated on March 22 and reflects all policies in force at that time.

At this meeting the board will review Series 8000 Internal Board of Education Operations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Given that the purpose of the systematic policy review is to allow the board an opportunity to cogently examine, consider and discuss the board's voice through its policies, no consent agenda approval of recommended revisions will occur. Any recommendations can be acted upon following discussion at the meeting.

A sample motion would be to approve the changes to the Series 8000 as (recommended/discussed) with a copy attached to the official minutes of this meeting and labeled Exhibit A.