## School Board Governance and Operations: School Board Policy Process

## Policy Implementation, Administration in Absence of Policy, and Suspension of Policy

The board shall delegate to the superintendent the function of formulating the procedural handbook designed to carry out the policies of the board. The superintendent shall annually review the effectiveness of the rules and regulations in the procedural handbook and report to the board any amendments or revisions he/she shall make in the rules and regulations.

In cases where action must be taken within the school system where the board has not provided guidelines for administrative action, the board hereby gives the superintendent power to act. His/her decisions shall be subject to review by actions of the board at its regular meetings. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to inform the board promptly of such action and of the need for policy.

The board members may suspend any policy at its discretion at any official meeting. Generally, suspension of policy shall be based on recommendations from the superintendent. Under circumstances, which require a waiver of a policy, the policy may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present. In order to suspend a policy, all trustees must have received written notice of the meeting, which included a proposal to suspend the policies with an explanation of the purpose of such proposed suspension. If such a proposal is not made in writing in advance of the meeting, the policies may only be suspended by a unanimous vote of all trustees present.

**Legal source:** Idaho Code 33-506 "Organization and government of board of trustees."

Idaho Code 33-512 "Governance of schools."

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