

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

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1 The Board shall reserve for itself the function of providing guides for the discretionary action of
2 those to whom it delegates authority. These guides for discretionary action shall constitute the
3 policies governing the operation of the school system. They shall be recorded in writing.
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5 The formulation and adoption of these written policies shall constitute the basic method by
6 which the Board shall exercise its leadership in the operation of the school system. The study
7 and evaluation of reports concerning the execution of its written policies shall constitute the
8 basic method by which the Board shall exercise its control over the operation of the school
9 system.
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11 The Board accepts the definition of policy set forth by the National School Boards Association:
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13 *Policies are principles adopted by the School Board to chart a course of action.*
14 *They tell what is wanted; they may include why and how much. Policies*
15 *should be broad enough to indicate a line of action to be followed by the*
16 *administration in meeting a number of problems, narrow enough to give clear*
17 *guidance. Policies are guides for action by the administration who then sets the*
18 *rules and regulations to provide specific directions to school district personnel.*
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20 The formal adoption of policies shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board. Only those
21 written statements so adopted and recorded shall be regarded as official Board policy.
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23 Adoption of new policies, or changing existing policies, is solely the responsibility of the Board.
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25 Proposals for new policies, or changes to existing policies, may be initiated in writing by any
26 Board member or by any employee of the Board. The policy proposals shall be referred to the
27 Director of Schools for consultation with the attorney, staff, principals, teachers, the community,
28 or others as may be deemed appropriate. This consultation if indicated should be accomplished
29 prior to presentation to the Board through a regular or special meeting.
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31 Adoption of policy proposals requires two readings at regular or special called meetings of the
32 Board, except as provided below. Thus, time shall be given to permit further study and also to
33 give opportunity for interested parties to react.
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35 Upon the advice and consent of the Chair and Director, the Board may designate minor changes
36 to policies as editorial in nature or as necessary to conform to a change of policy. Accordingly,
37 the Board may accept such changes without promulgating those changes through the normal two
38 vote process. Formal notice of changes to Board policies made through this provision shall
39 appear on the next Board’s agenda under Consent Items. For example, if the Board changes a
40 policy and other policies are affected by that change, then changes made to other policies may be
41 regarded as necessary to conform, and thus not require two votes.

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43 When new policies are adopted or existing policies are amended, revised policy pages shall be
44 distributed by the Director of Schools.

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46 The item of policy review shall be on the agenda on or before the regular July meeting of the
47 Board each year. This assures compliance with the law which requires that policies be
48 reviewed/updated within a two-year period. Policy adoption and/or revision may be effected by
49 a majority of the Board.

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51 All policies passed by the Board become binding immediately upon passage or as so stipulated in
52 the policy.

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54 The Board will make every effort to ensure that its policies conform to the high supremacy of
55 state and federal laws, including the provisions of State and U.S. Constitutions.

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