



## Board Policy, Administrative Regulations... What are They? Where Are They? Why are They?

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## Board of Trustees

"Each board of trustees is hereby given such reasonable and necessary powers, ..., as may be requisite to attain the ends for which the public schools, ..., are established and to promote the welfare of school children, including the establishment and operation of schools and classes deemed necessary and desirable."  
NRS 386.350 General powers; exceptions.



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## Policy Governance

"The effectiveness of school board governance is the single most important determinant of school district success or failure."  
Rod Paige, Former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education



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### Board Policy

- Establish the direction and structure of the District through the authority granted the Board of Trustees by Nevada State Law (Nevada Revised Statutes or NRS, and Nevada Administrative Code or NAC);
- Reflect the ideology and values of the Board of Trustees and the District by setting goals, assigning authority, and establishing controls;
- Have the force of law equal to statutes or ordinances;
- Are the means by which the Board and the District are accountable to the community.




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### Administrative Regulation

- Detailed directions developed by the Superintendent to implement Board policy;
- Tells how, by whom, where and when things are to be done by assigning details to staff;
- Provides detailed requirements, procedures and prohibitions under which the District will operate.




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### Administrative Procedures and Manuals

- Standardizes practices and procedures used by staff;
- Assures consistency of task performance and helps make employees accountable for reliable results;
- Reflects a combination of past practice, preferred practice, and practical procedures;
- In most cases, takes the place of Accepted Practice and CSI Procedures, Guidelines and Lists




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## Process – Board Policy

- Assigned to Chief for Review and Revision
- Board Policy Committee for Initial Review
- Regular Meeting for Discussion and Preliminary Approval
- 15-Day Public Review
- Regular Meeting for Final Approval – Consent




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## Process – Admin Regs

- Assigned to Chief for Review and Revision
- Vetted by Appropriate Staff
- Vetted by Leadership Team
- Final Approval by Superintendent
- Board will receive written reports detailing action taken – i.e. policy approved and associated docs




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### ABOUT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

The Watauga County School District Board of Trustees governs through the creation and implementation of Board policies. The Superintendent implements those policies by adopting administrative regulations and procedures that promote and enable informed decision making by the Superintendent, Leadership Team, administrators, faculty and staff of the District. Good governance requires well-written procedures that are easily accessible to staff, parents/guardians and their students, and the community.

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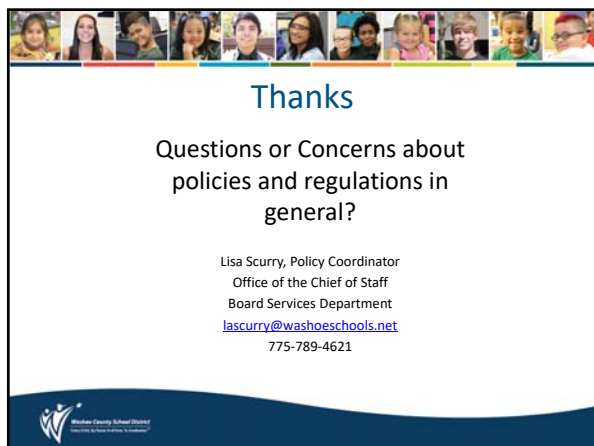
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