

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: April 24, 2007

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
8131 INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: ADMINISTRATION IN
POLICY ABSENCE**

ORIGINATOR:

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education considers the re-adoption of Policy 8131. This is the first reading of this Policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 8131

POLICY RATIONALE

Re-adoption of Board of Education Policy 8131

Internal Board Policies: Formulation of Policies: Administration in Policy Absence

Statement of issues or questions to be addressed by the proposed policy

The Ad Hoc Policy Committee is in the process of reviewing the Board's Internal policies. (8000 Series) The Committee recommends no revisions to the policy, as it addresses a fundamental business need and permits the Superintendent to function as the school system's chief executive officer. In light of the Committee's belief in the policy's continuing vitality and applicability, the Committee recommends that the policy be "readopted." (See, Policy 8130, Analysis)

Fiscal Impact on the school system

No fiscal impact is anticipated or contemplated by this revision.

Relationship to other Board of Education Policies

This policy permits the Superintendent to act in the absence of Board policy. Therefore, it is related to all Superintendent's rules that do not have a corresponding policy.

Similar Policies adopted by other local school systems

HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent Relations

http://www.hcps.org/BOE/PoliciesProcedures/docs/School_System_Governance/0012-000%20Superintendent%20Relations.pdf

Legal Requirements, such as federal, state or local laws or regulations

The Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland designates the county superintendent as the chief executive officer of the county public school system responsible for carrying out the policies of the county board. See, Md. Code Ann., §4-204.

A draft of the proposed policy

See attached

Other alternatives that were considered by the Board members

The Board Committee members did not consider other alternatives.

Timeline

Opportunity for Citizen Comment, May 8, 2007

Proposed Date of Adoption, May 22, 2007

INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization

Formulation of Policies: Administration in Policy Absence

In cases where action must be taken within the school system where the Board has provided no guides for administrative action, the Superintendent shall have the power to act.

The Superintendent's decision, however, shall be subject to review by action of the Board at its regular meeting. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to inform the Board promptly of such action and of the need for policy.

Policy
Adopted: 9/18/68
READOPTED: _____

Board of Education of Baltimore County