

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Date: May 8, 2007

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED DELETION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8150**
– INTERNAL BOARD PROCEDURES – FUNCTIONAL
RESPONSIBILITIES

ORIGINATOR:

RESOURCE
PERSON(S):

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education considers the deletion of Policy 8150. This is the third reading of this Policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 8150

POLICY ANALYSIS

Revisions to Board of Education Policy 8120 and Deletion of Policy 8150

Internal Board Policies: Purpose, Role and Responsibilities of the Board of Education (8120)

Internal Board Policies: Organization: Functional Responsibilities (8150)

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) In accordance with Policy 8130, the Board's Ad Hoc Committee provides the following rationale for deletion and its analysis for the revision of Policy 8120.

The Committee is recommending deletion of Policy 8150, as some of its content mirrors Policy 8120. Similarly, the Committee is recommending revisions to Policy 8120, some of which incorporate language found in Policy 8150.

As revised, Policy 8120 sets forth the Board's purpose, responsibilities, and role in the education process. While for the most part these statements reflect much of what can be found in state law, the Policy explicitly outlines the Board role as the governing body and policy make to guide the mission of the school system.

Fiscal Impact on the school system

No fiscal impact is anticipated or contemplated by these revisions.

Similar Policies adopted by other local school systems

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Code 200, School Board Legal Status

http://www.aacps.org/aacps/boe/board/newpolicy/Sections/section_200/policy200.pdf

Policy Code: 200.02, Board Powers and Duties

http://aacps.org/aacps/boe/board/newpolicy/Sections/section_200/policy200.02.pdf

FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy 400, Administration of the Public Schools

<http://www.fcps.org/dept/legal/400.pdf>

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Code BB, School Board Legal Status

Policy Code BBA, Board Governance and Operations

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

Md. Ed. Art. §4-101 provides that “educational matters that affect the counties shall be under the control of a county board of education in each county” and that “each county board shall seek in every way to control and promote the interests of the schools under its jurisdiction.” Md. Ed. Art. §4-108 indicates that “each county board shall . . . carry out the applicable provisions of [the Education Article] and the bylaws, rules, regulations and policies of the State Board” and “adopt, codify and make available to the public bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with state law, for the conduct and management of the county public schools.”

Md. Ed. Art. §4-109 gives to each county board the authority to establish public schools.

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.

Time Line

Opportunity for Citizen Comment, April 24, 2007

Proposed Date of Adoption, May 8, 2007

INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization

Functional Responsibilities

The Board of Education, functioning within the framework of laws, bylaws of the State Board of Education, court decisions, and opinions of attorneys general, fulfills its mission as the governing body of the school system by adopting policies concerning such things as:

1. The educational program, to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system
2. The curriculum, grades K-12, to carry out the educational program
3. The appointment of a staff, and its professional development, to assist students in reaching appropriate goals
4. The dissemination of information relating to the schools, necessary for creating a well-informed public
5. The planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, and maintenance of the physical plant of the school system
6. The standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system
7. The establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business
8. The budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business.

The Board of Education shall concern itself primarily with Board questions of policy, rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent of Schools and the staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

Legal Reference: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article
§4-101 Control and promotion of education
§4-107 Duties in general.]

Policy
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DELETED: _____

Board of Education of Baltimore County

[] brackets indicate deleted material