

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy Committee Meeting

June 8, 2023 3:30 PM

SAU - Conference Room

Agenda

- I. Elect a Chair/Call to Order
 - CA – Administration Goals
 - CB – School Superintendent
 - CBB – Hiring of Superintendent
 - CBG – Superintendent’s Development Opportunities
 - CCB – Line of Responsibility
 - CHCA – Approval of Handbooks and Directives
 - CHD – Administration in Policy Absence
 - CM – Annual Report
- II. Review of suggested policies and procedures.

Next Regular Meeting: TBD

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ADMINISTRATION GOALS

Proper administration of the schools is most vital to a successful educational program. The general purpose of the administration shall be to coordinate and supervise, under the policies of the School Administrative Unit and each local school board, the creation and operation of an environment in which students learn most effectively. Administrative duties and functions should be appraised in terms of the contribution made to improving instruction and learning. The board shall rely on its chief executive officer, the superintendent, to provide at the district level the professional administrative leadership demanded by such a far-reaching goal. Vision, initiative, resourcefulness, and wise leadership, as well as consideration and concern for staff members, students, parents, and community are essential for effective administration.

The superintendent, each principal, and all other administrators shall have the authority and responsibility necessary for his or her specific administrative assignment. Each shall likewise be accountable for the effectiveness with which the administrative assignment is carried out. The board shall be responsible for specifying requirements and expectations of the superintendent, then holding the superintendent accountable by evaluating how well those requirements and expectations have been met. In turn, the superintendent shall be responsible for clearly specifying requirements and expectations for all other administrators, then for holding each accountable by evaluating how well requirements and expectations have been met.

Major goals of administration shall be:

1. To manage the district's various departments, units, and programs effectively.
2. To provide professional advice and counsel to the School Administrative Unit and each local school board and to advisory groups established by board action. Preferably, where feasible, this will be done through reviewing alternatives, analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of each, and recommending a selection from among the alternatives.
3. To implement the management function so as to assure the best and most effective learning programs, through achieving such sub-goals as (a) providing leadership in keeping abreast of current educational developments; (b) arranging for the staff development necessary to the establishment and operation of learning programs that better meet more learner needs; (c) coordinating cooperative efforts at improvement of learning programs, facilities, equipment, and materials; and (d) providing access to the decision-making process for the improvement of ideas of staff, students, parents, and others (e) be cognizant of and implement all state and federal laws and regulations .

Cross Reference:

- CBB- Hiring of Superintendent
- CBI & CBI-R – Evaluation of the Superintendent/Procedure
- CCB – Line of Responsibility

Legal Reference

- NH Code of Administrative Rules Section Ed 302 – Duties of School Superintendent
- NH Code of Administrative Rules Section ED 303 – Duties of School Boards
- NH Code of Administrative Rules Section ED 304 - Duties of School Principals

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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The duties of the Superintendent are defined in his/her contract of employment, individual board policies, SAU policies, state statutes, and New Hampshire Department of Education Rules.

The Board expects that the Superintendent, as the chief executive officer, is responsible for:

1. The execution of board policies
2. The management of the work of all school departments, the duties of which, apart from those required by law, the Superintendent shall assign
3. The observance of all board policies by all those persons employed by the district
4. The enforcement of all provisions of the law relating to the operation of the schools or other educational, social and recreational agencies, or activities under the charge of the board.

Cross Reference:

CBI & R – Evaluation of the Superintendent

Legal Reference:

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 302.02, Substantive Duties of Superintendents

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HIRING OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent shall be hired by the Oyster River Cooperative School Board.

Legal Reference:

- RSA 194-C:4, SAU: Superintendent Services
- RSA 194-C:5, SAU: Organization and Duties

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SUPERINTENDENT’S DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Oyster River Cooperative School Board encourages the superintendent to make every effort to stay abreast of educational trends and to seize opportunities for exploring new ideas and programs that may be used to advantage in the school district.

For the benefit of the entire school system, the Board encourages the superintendent to set aside time each year to attend certain seminars and conferences and visit other school systems in which promising ideas are emerging.

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LINE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Each employee in the Oyster River Cooperative School District shall be responsible to the Board through the superintendent or appropriate administrator.

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APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTIVES

The Oyster River Cooperative School principal(s) and directors, as applicable, are responsible for the development of student handbooks per administrative handbooks.

The contents of all handbooks must conform with District-wide policies, regulations as well as State and Federal Laws. The Board, through the superintendent, will be updated annually with a summary of any changes made in the handbooks. The Board will receive copies of the completed handbooks.

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ADMINISTRATION IN POLICY ABSENCE

In the absence of established Oyster River Cooperative Board policy or Board direction, the Superintendent shall assume responsibility making necessary decisions. In such instances, Principals or other administrative or instructional personnel shall gain the approval of the Superintendent before taking any action.

In the situations which arise within the Schools where the Board has provided no guides for administrative action, the Superintendent shall have power to act but his/her decisions shall be subject to review and ratification by action of the Board at a regular meeting. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to inform the Board promptly of such action and of the need for policy.

Cross Reference:

Policy DJ & R- Purchasing and Bidding Requirements

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Oyster River Cooperative School District Annual report covering the diversified activities of the school system and the administration's recommendations for their improvement shall be prepared by the superintendent and presented to the board annually on a timely basis. Between the deliberative session and the ballot vote, the report shall be made available to the public and used as one means for informing parents and citizens, the state education agency, and other school districts in the area of the programs and conditions of the schools.