

Bylaw

FORMULATION, ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The board of education's bylaws are rules designed to organize and control its internal operations. Some bylaws are set by statute. Others may be formulated and adopted at its option by the board of education itself as long as they are in harmony with the intent and specifics of the statutes.

In its deliberations leading to the establishment or amendment of its bylaws, the board's central concern will be for increased efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out its legally mandated tasks.

Amendment of Bylaws:

- A. The board's bylaws may not be waived or suspended and may only be amended in compliance with the procedures stated herein;
- B. Where advance notice of an amendment to the board's bylaws has been properly provided in the public notice of the meeting, the amendment shall require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members in attendance;
- C. Amendments to the bylaws shall have immediate effect, unless the amendment specifies an effective date;
- D. The board secretary is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, cross-references, and other technical conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the board in connection to the adopted amendment. No such revisions may alter the intent of the amendment.

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Key Words

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Open Public Meetings Act
N.J.S.A. 18A:10-6 Board meetings public; frequency; hours commencement; adjournment, etc., for lack of quorum
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible

Cross References: *9311 Formulation, adoption, amendment of policies
*9314 Suspension of policies, bylaws and regulations
*9323/9324 Agenda preparation/advance delivery of meeting material

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.