

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING POLICY

Since the school board is the sole entity authorized under statute to develop policy, community members with a complaint should address their concerns directly to the school board. Complainants should write a formal letter stating the following items:

1. The complainant's name and address.
2. The letter and title of the policy.
3. The specific issue that the complainant has with the policy in question.
4. The specific remedy that the complainant is seeking.

Once the school board has received the letter, it will schedule a hearing on the matter at its next regularly scheduled school board meeting. After hearing arguments from the complainant, the school board will send the letter to the SAU 50 Policy Committee for investigation. The SAU 50 Policy Committee will make a recommendation to the school board. The school board reserves the right to make the final decision. The complainant will receive a written decision by the next scheduled school board meeting.

If the complainant is dissatisfied with the decision of the school board, he/she can appeal the school board's decision to the State Board of Education whose decision will be final.

Legal References:

RSA 21-N:11, *Department of Education; Duties of Board*

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