Policy Title: 3.1 Unity of Control

Only officially passed motions of the board are binding on the superintendent.

Accordingly:

- 1. Decisions or instructions of individual board members, officers, or committees are not binding on the superintendent except in rare instances when the board has specifically authorized such exercise of authority.
- 2. In the case of board members or committees requesting information or assistance without board authorization, the superintendent can refuse such requests that require, in the superintendent's opinion, a material amount of staff time or funds or is disruptive.

Board President

Date

Interpretation:

The Board interprets this to mean that all instructions or direction to and/or requests of the Superintendent will be based on officially passed motions of a quorum of the full Board. Requests from individual members or subgroups of Board members not specifically authorized by the Board are not required to be responded to by the Superintendent if it will place undue burdens on district staff or resources. In the instance of a sub-committee of the Board (i.e. Negotiations Team) it can be deemed that the request of the committee bears the full authority of the Board. This assumes that the work being requested is directly related to the committee's work.

Evidence:

The main source of evidence comes from the Superintendent. In conversation with the Superintendent he has not received requests from Board members outside of items directed by a majority of the Board except from the chair in the course of developing the monthly agendas. This is assumed to be in the "normal course of duties."

Conclusion: The board reports compliance.