



Colorado Association of School Boards

CASB Connections Podcast Discussion Guide

The Legal Framework of Policy Making: Episode 2

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“Laws relating to schools have increased significantly in volume and complexity since the mid-twentieth century.” Fred C. Lunenburg

1. How does our board view our board policies?
2. How often are we updating our policies?
3. How well do we understand our board duties as written in our policies?
4. When do we find ourselves over reaching our responsibilities and how do we get ourselves back on the right track?
5. What do we have in place to orient new board members to our policies?
6. Which of our policies are legally mandated?
7. How often do we assess ourselves in regard to adherence to the legally mandated policies?
8. What process do we have in place to make sure our policies are consistent with the law?
9. What is our process in making sure our policies are consistent with our strategic plan?
10. What is our implementation plan for policies? Do we include exhibits? If not, should we?
11. What is our communication strategy for policy implementation?
12. What other regulatory agencies affect our policies?
13. Where can we find resources to help us with policy creation?
14. How often do we include our local counsel in our policy creation?
15. When can we revise a policy to meet our local needs?

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