

Monitoring Report: B/SR 2 - Unity of Control

Text of Policy:

Board/Superintendent Relations (B/SR) 2 - 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.

Interpretation of Policy:

As a member of the Hartford School Board, charged by the Board to produce this monitoring report, I interpret this policy to mean: 1) That the authority for managing the District has been given to the Superintendent by the Board and that except in extreme circumstances the Board will not re-assume that authority. And, 2) That, while the Superintendent may choose to comply with requests for help made by individual Board members, only the Board acting in the whole may compel the Superintendent to provide help.

Finding Regarding Conformance with the Policy:

With respect to the provisions of its policy B/SR 2 Unity of Control, the Hartford Board of School Directors concludes that its performance during the previous year has been in compliance with Policy B/SR 2 Unity of Control.

Evidence:

- The Hartford School District Policy
- Board meeting monitoring reports
- Board meeting minutes and recordings

I certify that the information contained in this report is true.

-Havah Armstrong Walther Dated: 5/11/2022