

Patron Complaints

Individual board members have no authority to resolve complaints and the Board, as a whole, believes that patron complaints should be resolved at the lowest level of authority possible. Therefore, whenever a complaint is made to an individual board member or the Board as a whole, it will be referred to school administration for processing beginning with the individual in direct supervision of the employee or issue.

If the complaint is not satisfactorily remedied at the building level, either party may refer the matter to the Assistant Superintendent of the correct division, elementary or secondary. If the complaint is not satisfactorily remedied at the Assistant Superintendent level, either party may refer the matter to the Superintendent for investigation. The Superintendent shall complete the investigation within a reasonable deadline in accordance with any applicable deadline in law.

If all other remedies have been exhausted, a complainant may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next regular school board meeting; however, the Board will not hear, consider, or act upon complaints that have not been investigated at each appropriate level of authority, nor will the Board hear, consider, or act upon complaints for which specific complaint resolution procedures have been established that do not allow for board review of the complaint, including but not limited to complaints about personnel and complaints about instructional material.

Anonymous Complaints

Anonymous complaints may not provide an avenue for response or redress of the complaint. An unsigned complaint will not be read or acted upon at any meeting of the board and anonymous telephone complaints will not be brought to the Board by any individual board member, administrator, or other employee. No disciplinary action will be initiated based solely on an anonymous complaint; however, the administration may investigate every anonymous complaint.

Parental Complaints

While parents enjoy a unique relationship with the schools and are the recipients of special communications concerning school events and programs as well as communications concerning their own child's progress, parents shall use the same channels of processing complaints as by other citizens.

Complaints for which specific resolution procedures are provided shall be directed through those channels. These include, but are not limited to, complaints about personnel and complaints about instructional materials.

Complementary Documents

- AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy
- AAC-AR1, Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure
- AAC-AR2, Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- AAC-BR, Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure
- DGA, Teacher Grievance Procedure
- GAAC, Patron Complaints About Instructional Materials
- KACB, Patron Complaints About Personnel
- KACB-E, Patron Complaint Form – Personnel Complaint

End of Bismarck Public School District Policy KACA

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