

At the January 19, 2015 meeting, the Board passed a motion directing “the Superintendent to inform school-based principals to honour parent requests to withdraw their child from the FSA testing and to refrain from contacting them upon receipt of their withdrawal request form as of January 2016.”

Question:

Does the Board have authority to rescind the motion since it’s been taking the action in accordance with the old motion since it was passed.

*Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition* (RRONR) addresses motions to rescind in Chapter 35. RRONR allows assemblies to rescind motions. RRONR states: “When something has been done, as a result of the vote on the main motion, that is impossible to undo. (The unexecuted part of an order, however, can be rescinded or amended)” (para. 35:6).

The manner in which the Board approaches FSAs from now into the future can differ from the approach set out in the 2015 motion. Although the Board cannot go back and undo what happened in the past, **it is within the Board’s authority to rescind** or amend the 2015 FSA motion and set a new policy direction going forward.

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