

BOARD POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education shall provide for a school system and establish general policies in keeping with the wishes of the community and the requirements of the state law. It is understood that the members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual Board member, except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the Board.

The Board shall function as a legislative body only, providing for executive control of the schools through the direction of the district administrator. The individual participation of Board members shall take place in scheduled Board and committee meetings, which is the basic manner in which they fulfill their responsible positions. The method of participation is through discussion, deliberation, debate and voting.

No Board member, by virtue of his/her office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or, as an individual, command the services of any school employee.

The district administrator shall not be authorized to alter in any way the established policies of the Board, or to interfere with any Board member's rights to make investigation of apparent irregularities in the school system.

The responsibilities of the Board shall be:

- 1) To select the district administrator and support him/her in the discharge of his/her duties.
- 2) To select school personnel upon nomination and recommendation of the district administrator.
- 3) To consider and act on policies for the school program.
- 4) To require and evaluate the reports of the district administrator concerning the progress of the financial status of the schools.
- 5) To consider, revise and adopt an annual budget recommended by the district administrator.
- 6) To consult with the district administrator and committees on their recommendations.
- 7) To assist in presenting to the public the needs and progress of the education system.
- 8) To perform specific duties mandated by statutes.
- 9) To periodically evaluate the Board's own performance.

All Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings, preview the Board packets, and be prepared to participate.

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