

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Education is the governing body of the school district. The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of developing policies under which the district is managed.

The powers and duties of the Board shall be as stated in the Education Law and other applicable New York State law.

The Board is primarily a legislative and policy making body and has responsibilities in regard to the:

1. children of the school district;
2. community;
3. school staff;
4. other local governments;
5. state; and
6. federal government.

The Board is responsible for the development of a curriculum which recognizes the complexities of present day society affected in part by technology and moral values. The needs of all children of the district shall be appraised and from this a progressive, efficient and forward looking program will be developed to meet these needs.

The Board is responsible for interpreting to the citizens of the district, the needs, problems and progress of the school district. The Board is also responsible for the propitious use of available funds and as such should critically review all budget figures prior to submission to the voters for the approval.

The Board is responsible for interpreting attitudes, wishes and needs of the citizens of the district.

Among the Board's responsibilities are:

1. developing policy;
2. levying taxes;
3. providing facilities;
4. establishing local goals and objectives;
5. adopting rules and regulations;
6. acting as trustees of the district's property and funds;
7. appointing staff;
8. determining program (course of study, curriculum, etc.)
9. prescribing duties of staff;
10. allocating funds for the various budget functions;

11. securing services;
12. purchasing supplies;
13. purchasing insurance;
14. providing transportation; and
15. maintaining standards.

To help in executing its responsibilities, the Board shall select and employ a competent and qualified Superintendent of Schools for managing the district.

Final authority on all district educational matters, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the Board. The Board may also enter into contracts and agreements in conformity with state law.

Ref: Education Law §§1604; 1604-a; 1701; 1708; 1709; 1710

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