

Policies of the Board of Education

Section B School Board Governance and Operations

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The Board of Education, whose members are elected by the people in the school district, shall act as the general agent of the State in carrying its responsibilities in matters of public education. The board has those powers which are expressly granted to it by the legislature (120.001.22) and also such powers as may be reasonably implied from the expressed powers granted. Other sections of the Statutes state or imply that the Board of Education has full power to operate the local schools as it deems fit in compliance with all local, state and federal mandates and laws. Within these constraints, the Board of Education is required to function in these broad areas:

1. **Legislative and Policy Making:** The board is responsible for the development of policies to guide administrative action, and for employing a district administrator to implement its policies.
2. **Education Planning:** The board is responsible for establishing educational goals which will guide both the board and the staff in working toward the continuing improvement of the educational program.
3. **Evaluation:** The board is responsible for the ongoing evaluation of the school program as related to the goals and objectives set forth by the board and by the State. The board is responsible for evaluation of the District Administrator.
4. **Provision of Financial Resources:** The board is responsible for adoption of a school budget which will enable the school district to carry out its responsibilities. All monies appropriated for school purposes shall be under the direction of board policy.
5. **Public Relations:** The board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means of keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools, and for keeping itself and the staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD:

1. Board members set goals and policies that will guide the board and administrator.
2. Board members ensure there is adequate financing to achieve goals and that money is responsibly spent. School Board Powers and Duties
3. Board members hire and manage one employee--the administrator.
4. Board members allow the administrator to manage staff.
5. Board members attend meetings and actively serve on committees.
6. Board members evaluate their role and performance.

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The Board of Education is responsible for adopting all major policies which affect the operation of the public schools. As an individual, a board member has no legal authority to bind the board since laws assign powers, duties and responsibilities to the Board of Education as a whole.

Reference: Wis. Stat., 120.001.22

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