

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES EXHIBIT

Standards of Governance

1. Exercise duties and comply with obligations required by law.
2. Act officially only as a board.
3. Develop and adopt written policies in all areas of school district governance and operations in order to provide direction to staff and students and information to the community.
4. Maintain strong ethical standards. Avoid conflicts of interest between public position and professional career or private life.
5. Adopt standards for the conduct of school board meetings and business, including use of agendas, board committees, and community participation.
6. Assess board performance regularly. Seek opportunities for board growth and development.

Educational Program

1. Test administrative and policy decisions by their potential to have positive impact on student learning and achievement.
2. Develop and share strong expectations for staff and students to use their minds well and to become a community of learners.
3. Establish a cooperatively developed, districtwide vision of the purpose of schooling in the community as well as the rules, roles and relationships needed to realize that vision.
4. Adopt a strategic plan for implementing the districts vision or mission, incorporating individual school's goals and objectives, indicators of progress, and systems of program evaluation and student performance assessment.
5. Collaboratively develop and approve desired learning outcomes, performance standards and plans for shared decision making and site-based planning in support of the district's strategic plan.

Administration and Personnel

1. Hire an educational leader to serve as Superintendent of Schools. Adopt a description of his/her professional duties and provisions for performance evaluation as well as retention or removal from the position based on those evaluations and contractual obligations.
2. Through the Superintendent, retain and support a staff who meet the highest standards of quality and performance.
3. Establish and adopt policies regarding staff recruitment, development, evaluation, discipline and termination of employment.
4. Set priorities and procedures for negotiating staff and service contracts and ratify contracts as required.
5. Provide for a secure and healthful environment for staff and students by means that include ensuring quality in facilities and transportation services for students.
6. Assess and respond to needs associated with school facilities and equipment and maintenance or upgrading thereof.

Fiscal Management

1. Develop and approve a balanced annual budget while seeking to ensure adequate local, state and federal revenues to support the budget.

2. Approve construction projects, capital expenditures, contracts and budget reports within a framework of policy and delegated authority suitable for the Board.
3. Systematically link policies and decisions regarding allocation of funds with curriculum, instruction and desired learning outcomes.

School-Community and Governmental Relations

1. Promote a positive image for public schools and a public view of school boards as advocates for children.
2. Utilize the community as an educational resource and promote the potential of schools, staff and students to strengthen the economic, civic and social health of the community.
3. Develop effective channels of communication with parents and the community at large to inform them regularly of school activities, to promote resolution of problems as close to their point of origin as possible, and to encourage ongoing dialogue about and understanding of issues and policies under board consideration.
4. Promote local, state, federal and interagency collaboration to support comprehensive educational opportunities for youth and their families.
5. Seek to influence state and federal educational legislation, regulations and policies defining and communicating their potential local impact to elected representatives.

Note: Exhibit added (replacing prior exhibits, Policy Manual, 8001; 9000)

*This exhibit contains *suggested* guidelines for the powers and duties of board members. It is not required by law or regulation.