

THOROUGH AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM

The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board of Education (Board) are defined in Title 18A of New Jersey statutes. Other sections of the statutes state or imply that a local Board has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates and pertinent laws of the municipality. The Board functions only when in session.

The Board sees these as its required functions.

A. Policy oversight

The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a Chief School Administrator (CSA) who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of regulations. The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. This includes setting and evaluating goals in educational and financial areas.

B. Educational planning

The Board is responsible for requiring and acquiring reliable information from responsible sources which will enable it and the staff to work toward the continuing improvement of the educational program.

C. Provision of financial resources

The Board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget which will provide the wherewithal – in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment – to enable the school system to carry out its functions.

D. Interpretation

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local community informed about the school and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the wishes of the public. All planning, both that which is and that which is not related to the budget, needs to be interpreted to the public if citizens are to support the school program.

The Board believes that, by diligently exercising these functions, it will be able to provide, within the financial limitations set by the community, the best educational opportunities possible for our children.

The Board shall exercise its powers through the legislation of bylaws and policies for the organizations and operation of the school district.

The Board shall be responsible for the operations of the school but shall delegate the Administration to the CSA, who shall be appointed by a recorded roll-call majority vote of the full Board.

The Board may hear appeals in complaints and in grievance and disciplinary actions as defined in these policies and in the law.

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