

Role of the Board of Education

The board of education is charged by the Legislature with the duty of providing public elementary and secondary education to the citizens of the district. The board's primary duties are: (1) to establish a mission, goals, and policies; (2) to establish and maintain school facilities; (3) to select a superintendent; (4) to adopt a fiscally responsible budget; and (5) to evaluate programs.

Organization of the Board

The board of education shall be comprised of six members who will be elected at large. The board membership shall elect the following officers at their regular January meeting: (1) President; (2) Vice-President; (3) Secretary; and (4) Treasurer. The board president shall appoint members to any committee the board deems necessary. In accordance with state statute, the board shall authorize a Committee on Americanism.

Complaint Procedure

Good communication helps to resolve many misunderstandings and disagreements, and the board

encourages patrons and school staff to discuss their concerns with appropriate school personnel in an effort to resolve problems. When such efforts do not resolve matters satisfactorily, a complaint should follow the procedures set for in board policy.

Meetings

The formation of policy is public business and will be conducted openly. The board shall hold regular, monthly meetings, and if needed, shall call special and emergency meetings as provided by law. Work sessions and retreats may be used to provide board members and administrators the opportunity to plan, research, and engage discussion without taking immediate action. The board shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each of its meetings. The superintendent is authorized to publish the notice of any meeting in a newspaper of general circulation. Notice may also be posted in three prominent places within the school district at least 48 hours before the announced beginning of the meeting. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, the substance of all matters discussed, and any action taken on any question or motion.

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The board shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at board meetings. The board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending its meetings. The board is not required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, nor may it forbid public participation at all meetings. Any person who wishes to discuss an item with the board must submit a request to the superintendent by noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting at which he or she wishes to speak.



Board Code of Ethics

The board recognizes that collectively and individually, all members of the board must adhere to an accepted code of ethics in order to improve public education. Board members must conduct themselves professionally and in a manner fitting of their position. As such, each board member pledges to adhere to the Board Code of Ethics enumerated in board policy.

Board Policies

To guide the board and school district operations, and to assist it and its designees in carrying out duties, the board will establish, maintain, and amend a set of policies. Each of these policies shall become the official policy of the school district when the board has approved it by majority vote of the members present at any lawfully convened meeting of the board. A copy of current board policies is maintained in the office of the superintendent and may be viewed by patrons of the district by contacting the superintendent during normal business hours.

Mission Statement

“United We Educate” Our wish is to develop responsible, life-long learners through a progressive, quality education. This district, in cooperation with family and community, will provide a flexible and varied educational program committed to excellence. Students will become empowered to become productive and contributing members of a global society.

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