

Board Powers and Duties

The legislature of the state of Oregon delegates to the Board responsibility for the conduct and governance of schools. The general powers granted to the Board are:

1. **Legislative or Rule-Making Authority**

In a regular or special public meeting, after open discussion and after the votes of members are taken on the record, the Board will establish rules or policy to govern the conduct of its members and the proceedings of the Board.

The Board will establish rules for governance of school and students consistent with the rules of the State Board of Education and with state and federal laws.

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping itself informed about the needs and wishes of the public and for keeping local citizens informed about the schools.

2. **Judicial Authority**

As provided by law, policy or contract, the Board acts as a fact-finding body or a court of appeal for staff members, students and the public when issues involve Board policies or agreements and their fair implementation, and when the Board must determine the rights, duties or obligations of those persons who come before it.

3. **Executive/Administrative Authority**

The Board will appoint a designee and delegate to him or her the authority to establish administrative regulations to implement Board policy and goals. The Board will evaluate the designee in the performance of his or her duties.

The Board may establish academic and financial goals for the district and evaluate the designee's implementation of those goals.

The Board will oversee the financial affairs of the district by authorizing, appropriating and approving budgets and by proposing local option or bond elections, when appropriate and allowed by law, to provide for operation of programs and maintenance or acquisition of district property.

The Board will authorize and approve payment on all contracts and business transactions of the district. The Board will provide for an annual audit of the district's assets.

The Board will employ the staff necessary to carry out the educational program and will provide for regular evaluation of staff.

The Board will fix the days of the year and the hours of the day when school will be in session.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 243.656](#)

[ORS Chapters 279A, 279B](#) and [279C](#)

[ORS 294.305 to -294.565](#)

[ORS 328.205 to -328.304](#)

[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.075](#)

[ORS 332.105](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS Chapter 339](#)

[ORS 342.805 to -342.937](#)

[ORS Chapter 343](#)

Cross Reference(s):

DJ - District Purchasing