

School Board Powers and Duties

Powers and mandatory duties of the Board are defined in state statutes.

This Board considers that its most important functions fall into the following categories:

1. Policy Development

The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a superintendent who will carry out its policy through the development and implementation of regulations in furtherance of policy.

2. Educational Planning and Appraisal

The Board is responsible for acquiring reliable information from responsible sources which will enable it to make the best possible decisions about the scope and nature of the educational program. The Board is responsible for requiring appraisal of the results of the educational program.

3. Staffing and Appraisal

The Board is responsible for employing the staff necessary for carrying out the instructional program and establishing salaries and salary schedules, and other terms and conditions of employment, as well as for personnel policies district-wide in application. The Board is responsible for appraising the effectiveness of its staff by providing for their regular evaluation.

4. Financial Resources

The Board is responsible for adopting a budget that will provide the financial basis for buildings, staff, materials, and equipment which will enable the district to carry out the educational program. The Board is responsible for exercising control over finances of the district to assure proper use of, and accounting for, all district funds.

5. School Facilities

The Board is responsible for determining school housing needs, for communicating these needs to the community, for purchasing sites, and approving building plans that will support and enhance the educational program.

6. Communication With Public

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

7. Judicial

The Board is responsible for acting as a court of appeal for school staff members, students, and the public when issues involve board policy and their fair implementation.

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