

School Board Powers and Duties

1. Legislative or Rule Making Authority

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

Policy development will involve the formulation of rules, regulations, principles and by-laws which govern the operations of the district. These policies and regulations shall serve as directives to all employees governing day-to-day conduct and prescribe the manner in which the routine and unusual situations and problems are to be solved.

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping itself informed about the needs and wishes of the public, and 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 superintendent and delegate to him or her the authority to establish regulations to implement board policy and goals. The Board will evaluate the superintendent in the performance of his or her duties.

The Board may establish academic and financial goals for the district and evaluate the superintendent's implementation of those goals. The goals are to be written so that they may be communicated to the various public and district personnel.

The Board will oversee the financial affairs of the district by authorizing, appropriating and approving budgets and by proposing tax levies or bond elections to provide for the operation of programs and maintenance or acquisition of property by the district.

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 the staff.

The Board will direct the collective bargaining process to establish labor contracts with district personnel. The Board will establish through the collective bargaining process where appropriate, salaries, salary schedules, other terms and conditions of employment and personnel policies for districtwide application.

The Board will fix the days of the calendar year and the hours of the school day.

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 Procedures