

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 regular or special public meetings, after open discussion and after members' votes are recorded, the Board shall establish policy to govern the conduct of its members and the proceedings of the Board.

The Board shall establish policies for the governance of schools and students consistent with State Board of Education rules and with state and federal laws.

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping 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 implementation, and when the Board must determine the rights, duties or obligations of those who address the Board.

3. Executive/Administrative Authority:

The Board will appoint a superintendent delegated to establish administrative regulations to implement Board policy and goals. The Board will evaluate the superintendent's performance.

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

The Board shall oversee the district's financial affairs by authorizing, appropriating and approving budgets and by proposing local options or bond elections to provide for program operation and maintenance or acquisition of district property.

The Board shall authorize the superintendent to approve payment on all contracts and business transactions of the district in accordance with Board policies on purchasing and budget requirements. The Board will provide for an annual audit of the district's assets.

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

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

The Board shall establish 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