

ROLE OF BOARD AND MEMBERS

General Duties

- A. The Regional School District 17 Board of Education represents the residents of Haddam and Killingworth in carrying out the mandates of the Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to education.
- B. The Board of Education shall determine all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the schools. It shall concern itself with only broad questions of policy and not with administrative details. The Board shall rely on the Superintendent of Schools to recommend policies for adoption and to administer policies enacted by the Board.
- C. In determining school policy, the Board shall:
 - (1) hear and consider facts and recommendations,
 - (2) adopt a plan, policy or course of action, and
 - (3) authorize the Superintendent of Schools, its chief executive officer, to carry out its policy.

Specific Powers and Duties

The Board of Education shall have authority to take all action necessary or advisable to meet its responsibilities under state statute, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Create, abolish, modify and maintain such positions, schools, divisions and classifications as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the educational enterprise.
- B. To elect and evaluate a Superintendent of Schools in accordance with state statutes.
- C. To consider and adopt an annual budget, prepared by the Superintendent of Schools.
- D. To determine the number, classification, duties and remuneration of employees.
- E. To establish policies for employment, promotion and dismissal of personnel in accordance with state statutes.

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- F. To provide for the appraisal of the efficiency of personnel.
- G. To initiate and approve the acquisition and disposition of school sites, to initiate and approve plans for school buildings.
- H. To consider any specific recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools.
- I. To keep the citizenry informed of the purposes, values, conditions and needs of public education in Haddam and Killingworth.
- J. To consider, revise and adopt any changes in the curriculum.
- K. To take any other actions required or permitted by law.
- L. To make reasonable provision to implement the educational interests of the State of Connecticut, as defined by law, so that:
 - i. each child shall have for the period prescribed in the General Statutes equal opportunity to receive a suitable program of educational experiences.
 - ii. Regional School District 17 shall finance at a reasonable level an educational program designed to achieve this end.
 - iii. RSD 17 shall provide educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from other racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds.
 - iv. the mandates in the General Statutes pertaining to education within the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education shall be implemented.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

- 1-200 Definitions (public agency)
- 10-4a Educational interest of the State identified
- 10-4b Failure of local or regional board to implement educational interests
- 10-220 Duties of Boards of Education
- 10-221 Board of Education to prescribe rules
- 10-222 Appropriations and Budgets
- 10-241 Powers of school district