

The Board will govern lawfully with primary emphasis on **Goals** for students; encourage full exploration of diverse viewpoints; focus on governance matters rather than administrative issues; observe clear separation of Board and Superintendent roles; make all official decisions by formal vote or unanimous consent of the Board; and govern with long-term vision.

1. The Board will function as a single unit. The opinions and personal strengths of individual members will be used to the Board's best advantage, but the Board faithfully will make decisions as a group, by formal vote or unanimous consent. No officer, individual, or committee of the Board will be permitted to limit the Board's performance or prevent the Board from fulfilling its commitments.
2. The Board is responsible for its own performance and commits itself to continuous improvement. The Board will ensure that its members are provided with training and professional support necessary to govern effectively. As a means to ensure continuous improvement, the Board regularly and systematically will monitor all policies in this section and will assess the quality of each meeting by debriefing the meeting following its conclusion.
3. To ensure that the Board's business meetings are conducted with maximum effectiveness and efficiency, members will:
  - a. come to meetings adequately prepared
  - b. speak only when recognized
  - c. not interrupt each other
  - d. not engage in "side" conversations
  - e. not repeat what has already been said
  - f. not "play to the audience" or monopolize the discussion
  - g. support the president's efforts to facilitate an orderly meeting
  - h. communicate openly and actively in discussion and dialog to avoid surprises
  - i. encourage balanced participation of all members
  - j. practice respectful body language
4. The Board will direct the district through policy. The Board's major focus will be on the **Goals** expected to be achieved by students, rather than on the operational choices made by the Superintendent and staff to achieve those **Goals**.
5. The Board, by majority vote, may revise or amend its policies at any time.

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Monitoring Method: Board self-assessment

Monitoring Frequency: Annually