

Role of Board and Members**General Duties**

1. The Bethany Board of Education (Board) represents the residents of the Town of Bethany (Town), in carrying out the mandates of the Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to education.
2. The Board shall determine all questions of general policy to be employed in the conduct of the school.
3. In determining school policy, the Board shall:
 - a. hear and consider facts and recommendations;
 - b. adopt a plan, policy, or course of action; and
 - c. authorize the Superintendent of Schools, its chief executive officer, to carry out its policy.

Specific Powers and Duties

The Board shall have authority to take all action necessary or advisable to meet its responsibilities under the Connecticut General Statutes and Town Charter including but not limited to the following:

1. To elect a Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. To consider and adopt an annual budget, prepared by the Superintendent of Schools.
3. To establish policies in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
4. To provide for the appraisal of the efficiency of the Superintendent of Schools.
5. To approve the acquisition and disposition of Bethany Public School District (District) facilities and initiate and approve plans for District buildings.
6. To consider any specific recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools.
7. To keep the citizenry informed of the purposes, values, conditions, and needs of public education in the Town.
8. To establish a Curriculum Committee to review all curriculum for the District.
9. To take any other actions required or permitted by law.
10. To make reasonable provisions to implement the educational interests of the State, as defined by law, so that:
 - a. each child shall have for the period prescribed in the Connecticut General Statutes equal opportunity to receive a suitable program of educational experiences;
 - b. the District shall finance at a reasonable level an educational program designed to achieve this end;
 - c. the District shall provide educational opportunities for its students to interact with students and teachers from other racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds; and
 - d. the mandates in the Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to education within the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education shall be implemented.

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

9000(b)

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 1-4a
 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-4b
 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-200
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-241

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