

Houston County Board of Education

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The Board will oversee the operation of the school district in compliance with state and federal laws.¹

The Board will function only when in session. The Board's required functions include, but are not limited, to the following:

GENERAL

1. To develop and adopt a strategic plan in consultation with the Director of Schools;²
2. To adopt all policies required by state or federal law;³
3. To approve school zones;⁴
4. To approve the district calendar;⁵
5. To adopt district safety plans;⁶
6. To approve the closure of facilities, if needed;¹
7. To approve an insurance provider;¹ and
8. To approve/modify the agenda at the beginning of the board meeting.¹

FISCAL

1. To approve and adopt the budget;¹
2. To approve purchases outside the budget on a case-by-case basis in accordance with board policy;¹
3. To approve budget transfers;⁷
4. To adopt the district salary schedule;⁸
5. To approve a differentiated pay plan;⁹
6. To approve funding for the district maintenance plan and capital requests;¹

7. To approve the location and scope of new building projects;¹ and
8. To approve bids.¹

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENTS

1. To adopt the curriculum;¹
2. To adopt textbooks;¹⁰
3. To review student disciplinary issues appealed to the Board and make a final determination;¹¹
4. To authorize or prohibit the use of corporal punishment;¹²
5. To approve or deny admission of students expelled from other school districts;¹³ and

PERSONNEL

1. To employ and evaluate the Director of Schools;¹
2. To grant tenure to eligible teachers;¹⁴ and
3. To dismiss tenured teachers.¹⁵

Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-203
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(14); State Board of Education Policy 2.101; TCA 49-1-613
3. TCA 49-2-207
4. TCA 49-6-403(c)
5. TCA 49-6-3004
6. TCA 49-6-804(a)
7. OP Tenn. Atty. Gen. 83-464 (Oct 26, 1983)
8. TCA 49-3-306(a)
9. TCA 49-3-306(h)
10. TCA 49-6-2207(a)(1)
11. TCA 49-6-3401(c)(4)(C)
12. TCA 49-6-4104
13. TCA 49-6-3401(f)
14. TCA 49-5-504(b); TCA 49-2-203(a)(1)
15. TCA 49-5-511

Cross References

- Duties of Board Members 1.202
- Policy Development & Adoption 1.600
- Administrative Procedures 1.601
- School District Goals 1.700
- School District Planning 1.701
- Annual Operating Budget 2.200