

Title: Board of Directors' Powers, Duties and Member Authority

The Board shall make rules for its own government and that of the directors, officers, employees and students and for the care of the school buildings, grounds and property of the school corporation. The Board shall also be responsible for aiding in the enforcement of the rules and require all employees to perform the duties imposed by law and the rules, reporting to the Superintendent concerns made known to them by members of the public.

The Board shall exercise its authority only when duly assembled to transact business. Individual members have authority as Board members only when acting as members of the Board while it is in session or when specifically empowered by the Board to carry out definite assignments. The statements, decisions or actions of individual members of the Board are not binding upon the Board or upon the District.

#### Areas of Operation

- a. Legislative Action - The legislative authority includes policy-making action and the approval of rules and regulations needed to put policies into operation.
- b. Executive Action - The Board selects an executive officer, the Superintendent to whom it delegates the authority for carrying out the policies, plans and administrative details necessary to ensure that all policies formulated by the Board are made effective in the operation of the schools. The Board will hold the Superintendent responsible for the proper and efficient administration of schools.
- c. Appraisal and Approval Action - The Board is responsible for evaluating both the effectiveness of its policies and how well they have been put into action. The Superintendent recommends specific action. It is the function of the Board to appraise the value and importance of each recommended action and act on the proposal.
- d. Judicial Action - The Board serves in a quasi judicial function when it conducts hearings as required by law and acts on appeals of parents/guardians, patrons, students or employees. The Board will act on such appeals only after the proper procedures have

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been taken by persons making the appeals.

- e. Appellate Action - The Board has final authority within the provisions of the statutes for the operation of the schools. No section of these policies and procedures may be construed to limit the statutory powers of the Board.

Cross References:

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Legal References:

Iowa Code 279

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