



Boulder Valley School District

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SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the Board of Education is to provide excellent and equitable education for the students of the School District through effective governance. The Board acts to support the School District's mission to create challenging, meaningful and engaging learning opportunities so that all students thrive and are prepared for successful, civically engaged lives. The Board gives priority in all its deliberations and decisions to the needs - both immediate and anticipated - of the School District's students.

The Board considers its most important functions within the following categories:

1. **Legislative or policymaking.** The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a superintendent who will carry out its policy through the development and implementation of regulations.
2. **Educational planning and appraisal.** The Board is responsible for acquiring reliable information from responsible sources which will enable it to make the best possible decisions about the scope and nature of the educational program. The Board is responsible for requiring appraisal of the results of the educational program.
3. **Staffing.** The Board appoints and evaluates the Superintendent. The Superintendent is responsible for the recruitment, retention, and general supervision and assignment of all personnel, and makes appropriate personnel recommendations for the Board's consideration, including promotion and dismissal and establishment of a system for the evaluation of personnel.
4. **Financial resources.** The Board is responsible for adopting a budget that will provide the financial basis for buildings, staff, materials, and equipment that will enable the School District to carry out the educational program. The Board is responsible for exercising control over the finances of the School District to ensure proper use of, and accounting for, all School District funds.
5. **School facilities.** The Board is responsible for determining school and School District facility needs, for communicating these needs to the community, for purchasing sites, and for approving building plans that will support and enhance the educational program.

6. **Communication with the public.** The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local community informed about the schools and for keeping itself informed about the wishes of the public.
7. **Judicial.** The Board is responsible for acting as a court of appeal for school staff members, students and the public when issues involve Board policies and their fair implementation. Also, the Board is responsible for acting upon charter school applications, establishing annual reporting processes, and authorizing charter school renewals.

The Board may exercise the above powers and duties only when convened in a legally constituted meeting.

All powers of the Board lie in its action as a group. Individual Board Members exercise authority only as they vote at a legal meeting of the Board and when the board has lawfully delegated authority to them.

LEGAL REFS.:

- C.R.S. § 22-9-101 (licensed personnel evaluations)
- C.R.S. § 22-32-109 (specific duties of boards)
- C.R.S. § 22-32-110 (specific powers of boards)

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