

## **Governing Board**

### **Governing Board Delegation of Authority to the Executive Board**

The Governing Board authorizes the Executive Board to:

1. Formulate, adopt, and modify Board policies, at its sole discretion, subject only to mandatory collective bargaining agreements and State and federal law.
2. Employ personnel, make employment decisions, dismiss personnel, and establish an equal employment opportunity policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination.
3. Direct, through policy, the Superintendent, in his or her charge of the District's administration.
4. Approve major expenditures, payment of obligations, annual audit, and other aspects of the District's financial operation, and make available a statement of financial affairs as provided in State law.
5. Enter into contracts, using the public bidding procedure when required, for supplies, materials or work (e.g. leasing space, telephone, utilities, fuel, maintenance and repair of buildings, sites and facilities).
6. Contract for services of attorneys, auditors, architects, and bond counsel.
7. Defend, indemnify, hold harmless and insure against any loss or liability of the District, Board members, employees, agents, volunteer personnel (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 10-22.34a and 10-22.34b), mentors of licensed staff (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a, 2-3.53b, and 105 ILCS 5/21A-5 et seq.), and student teachers who, in the course of discharging their official duties imposed or authorized by law, are sued as parties in a legal proceeding. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as obligating the Board to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless any person who engages in criminal activity, official misconduct, fraud, intentional or willful and wanton misconduct, or acts beyond the authority properly vested in the individual.
8. Certify to the treasurer all payments to be made.
9. Allocate among the member districts of SEDOL the housing of students in accordance with SEDOL approved policy.
10. Provide, construct, control, and maintain adequate physical facilities; make school buildings available for use as civil defense shelters; and establish a resource conservation policy.
11. Establish an equal educational opportunities policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination.
12. Approve the curriculum, textbooks, and educational services.
13. Evaluate the educational program and approve School Improvement Plans.
14. Establish and approve the school year calendar for SEDOL-operated schools.
15. Require a moment of silence to recognize veterans during any type of school event held at a District school on November 11.
16. Provide student transportation services as specified in Policy 4:110 *Transportation*.
17. Enter into agreements with other boards, communities or state agencies deemed appropriate for the benefit of children and to certify to the treasurer, payments to be made thereunder, in accordance with the Illinois School Code.
18. Comply with requirements in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Specifically, each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in the Act, direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the Act's requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.

19. Communicate the schools' activities and operations to the community and represent the needs and desires of the community in educational matters.
20. Bill each member of SEDOL for its allocable share of the costs of programs and administration.
21. Make application for State or federal aid and file all reports and claims necessary to meet statutory or administrative requirements and to qualify for State or federal aid.
22. Provide methods and charges whereby Member Districts may contract for supportive services such as psychology, social work, occupational therapy, vocational, etc.
23. Discipline and discharge employees and delegate such authority to SEDOL administrators;
24. Establish an imprest fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-20.19 of The School Code.
25. Make recommendations to the Governing Board regarding the hiring and/or dismissal of the SEDOL Superintendent.
26. Recommend to the Governing Board contractual agreements between SEDOL and unions representing SEDOL employees.
27. Recommend to the Governing Board the annual budget:
  - Prepare and submit to the Governing Board and the Member Districts a preliminary annual budget at least 30 days prior to the June Governing Board meeting.
  - Prepare and submit to the Governing Board and the Member Districts a final annual budget at least 30 days prior to the annual budget hearing to be held at the August Governing Board meeting.
28. Process requests for waivers or modifications of mandates in The School Code or ISBE administrative rules.

The SEDOL Governing Board retains final authority regarding:

- Employment or dismissal of the Superintendent;
- Approval of contracts between SEDOL and employee unions;
- Approval of new construction of buildings and purchase or sale of property;
- Approval of the annual budget;
- Annual delegation of specific authorities to the Executive Board;
- And any other items not addressed in the aforementioned authorities.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19, 10-22.31, 24-11, 24-12.  
105 ILCS 5/10, 5/17-1, and 5/27-1.  
115 ILCS 5/, Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.  
325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.  
Articles of Joint Agreement

CROSS REF.: 1:10 (District Legal Status), 1:20 (District Organization and Operations), 2:10 (District Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Governing Board; Indemnification), 2:26 (Governing Board Organizational Meeting), 2:36 (Executive Board Relations), 2:56 (Executive Board Structure), 2:58 (Governing Board Delegation of Authority to the Executive Board), 2:80 (Governing Board Member Code of Conduct), 2:130 (Governing Board/Superintendent Relationship), 2:240 (Executive Board Policy Development)

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