

BOARD OF EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education of Big Lake Schools is responsible to the people and, therefore, should attempt to reflect the opinion of the community. However, the Board must look to the future more clearly than is required of the average citizen. The results of many of the decisions and actions of the Board will not be realized at once, but will set the course of education for future years. The Board should fearlessly support those educational philosophies and procedures needed to promote a high quality education for this community based upon the needs of the students.

II. The responsibilities of the Board of Education include:

- A. Legal responsibility for the oversight of Big Lake Schools.
- B. Civic responsibility for public engagement providing insight into the desires of the community regarding quality education, a service essential to the life of the community.
- C. Economic responsibility for prudent management of public resources.

III. The four major functions of the Board of Education are:

- A. Planning and Policy Making—This will be a joint effort of the Board of Education and the Superintendent, assisted by school personnel, or other consultants approved by the superintendent and/or Board of Education.
- B. Legal Compliance—The Board of Education will follow the laws of the State of Minnesota and the federal government, approve salary contracts, and have the right and responsibility to call an election on a bond or levy issue.
- C. Appraise the health of Big Lake Schools—The appraisal of the work of the schools and their personnel means determining whether or not the community is receiving the kind of educational services it should, whether or not funds are being wisely and honestly spent and what changes if any will be made.
- D. Hiring and evaluating of the Superintendent.