

## **Policy Type: Governance Process**

### **President's Role**

The President of the Board ensures the integrity of the Board's processes and normally serves as the Board's official spokesperson. Accordingly, the President has the following authority and duties:

1. Develop, in coordination with the Superintendent and the Governance Committee, agendas for board meetings
2. Monitor Board behavior to ensure that it is consistent with its own rules and policies and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization
  - a. Conduct and monitor Board meeting deliberations to ensure that only Board issues, as defined in Board policy, are discussed
  - b. Ensure that Board meeting deliberations are fair, open, and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly and to the point
  - c. Chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position as described in *Robert's Rules of Order* and in accordance with law
3. Make all interpretive decisions that fall within the topics covered by Board policies on *Governance Process* and *Board/Superintendent Relationship*, except where the Board specifically delegates such authority to others, using any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in those policies
  - a. Refrain from making any interpretive decisions about policies created by the Board in the *Results* and *Executive Limitations* policy areas
  - b. Refrain from exercising any authority as an individual to supervise or direct the Superintendent
4. Represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating decisions and interpretations within the areas assigned to the President, delegating this authority to other Board members when appropriate, but remaining accountable for its use
5. Participate in the orientation of new Board members
6. Coordinate the statutory evaluation process for the Superintendent
7. Sign all contracts authorized by the Board
8. Compile and recommend committee members to standing and ad hoc committees to the Board for approval and initiate ad hoc committees to accomplish specific tasks. The committee members, after compiled, will be approved by Board action.

In the absence or inability of the President, the Vice President shall have all of the powers and duties of the President. In the absence of both officers, the Superintendent or designee will chair the meeting until a temporary presiding officer is elected.

**Monitoring Method:** *Board self-assessment*  
**Monitoring Frequency:** *Annually in First Quarter*  
 Fargo Public Schools Board of Education