MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION **130 South Centre Street** **Merchantville, New Jersey 08109**	**FILE CODE 9000** **Proposed: 08/23/88** **Adopted: 09/27/88** **Revised: 10/22/13** **Reviewed: 02/05/2024**

Role of the Board

The general mandatory powers and duties of the board are defined in the 18A of New Jersey statues. Other sections of the statutes state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates and pertinent laws of the municipality. The board functions only when in session.

The Board of Education sees these as its required functions:

A. Policy oversight

The board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a Chief School Administrator who shall carry its policies through the development and implementation of regulations. The board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. This includes setting and evaluating goals in educational and financial areas.

B. Educational planning

The board is responsible for requiring and acquiring reliable information from responsible sources which will enable it and the staff to work toward the continuing improvement of the educational program.

C. Provision of financial resources

The board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget which will provide the wherewithal in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment – to enable the school system to carry out its functions.

D. Interpretation

The board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local community informed about the school and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the wishes of the public. All planning, both that which is and that which is not related to the budget, needs to be interpreted to the public if citizens are to support the school program.
The board believes that, by diligently exercising these functions, it will be able to provide, within the financial limitations set by the community, the best educational opportunities possible for our children

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The board shall exercise its powers through the legislation of bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of the school district.

The board shall be responsible for the operation of the school but shall delegate the administration to the Chief School Administrator, who shall be appointed by a recorded roll-call majority vote of the full board.

The board may hear appeals in complaints and in grievance and disciplinary action as defined in these policies and in the law.

Legal References:	N.J.S.A. 18A:10-1	Constitution of boards of education; conduct of schools; state-operated school district
	N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.	School Ethics Act
	N.J.S.A. 18A:17-15	Appointment of superintendents; terms; apportionment of expense
	N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1	District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study
	N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1	Textbooks; selection; furnished free with supplies; appropriations
	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2	Time when schools are open; determination
	N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	N.J.A.C. 6:A-4-1.1 et seq.	Appeals
	N.J.A.C. 6:A:8-1.1 et seq.	Standards and Assessment
	N.J.A.C. A6:28-1.1 et seq.	School Ethics Commission
	N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
	N.J.A.C. 6A:32-1.1 et seq.	School District Operations
	N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.2	Requirements for the Code of Ethics for school board members and charter school board of trustees members.
Possible Cross References:	*1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
	*2000/2010	Concepts and roles in administration; goals and objectives
	*3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and non-instructional operations; goals and objectives

4000	Concepts and roles in personnel
5000	Concepts and roles in pupil personnel
6000	Concepts and roles in instruction
*6140	Curriculum adoption
*6161.1	Guidelines for evaluation and selection of instructional materials
7000	Concepts and roles in construction, remodeling and renovation
*9311	Formulation, adoption, amendment of policies
*9312	Formulation, adoption, amendment of bylaws
*9313	Formulation, adoption, amendment of administrative regulations
*9314	Suspension of policies, bylaws and regulations

* Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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