Board Policy 1205: School Board Powers and Duties

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The Board shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and District staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

The Board, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, opinions of attorneys general, State Department of Education regulations, and similar mandates from the State and national levels of government, recognizing the authority of the State, fulfills its mission as the governing body of a political subdivision by acting as follows in the execution of its duties:

1. Enacting policy;
2. Adopting courses of study and providing instructional aides;
3. Employing all staff members and fixing and prescribing their duties;
4. Approving the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business;
5. Estimating and seeking to provide funds for the operation, support, maintenance, improvement, and extension of the school system;
6. Providing for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, maintenance, use, and disposition of physical plants of the school system;
7. Prescribing the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvements of the school system;
8. Evaluating the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purpose of the school system;
9. Requiring the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods, and procedures considered essential to the efficient conduct of school business;
10. Providing for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well-informed public.

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Legal References	Description
IC § 33-313	Trustee Zones

IC § 33-501	**Board of Trustees**
IC § 74-202	**Open Public Meetings – Definitions**

Other References	**Description**
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