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A - District Authority

The governance of the district shall be vested in the board.

Home Rule

The board shall have authority to conduct district business without specific statutory delegation. The board may transact all school district business and adopt policies the board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools.

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ABE - District Goals and Objectives

(See BK)

The board shall annually establish and review long-range goals and objectives to guide district operations. All district personnel shall direct their efforts toward achieving district goals and objectives. The superintendent shall give the board periodic reports on progress made towards achieving district goals.

The board shall participate in long-range planning through an annual meeting with the superintendent and designated staff to review progress on the implementation of board priorities, initiatives, and long-range plans. The board also shall consider and act upon objectives and major activities proposed by the superintendent to achieve district goals.

The superintendent shall develop necessary procedures to implement this policy.

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AC - School District Grade Levels

The district will be organized on a Pre-K–5, 6-8, and 9-12 plan.

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AD - District Attendance Areas

The board shall review school attendance areas as needed and make changes as warranted.

The superintendent shall, as needed, prepare a written report for the board concerning changes recommended for school attendance areas for the next school year and the reasons for the recommendations. The board shall consider the recommendations following receipt of the report. The recommended changes shall be made available to district patrons. The board may schedule a public hearing to seek input on the proposed changes.

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ADA - School Census

The board may direct the superintendent to conduct a census of the following:

- The number of potential students living in the district under the age of 5 years;
- The number of potential students residing in the district between the ages of 5 and 21.

The census shall also obtain information related to the planning of transportation services and other information the superintendent considers necessary, such as, but not limited to, birthdates of potential students in those categories.

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AE - School Year

The board shall provide a school year consisting of not less than:

- The minimum number of statutorily required school days for students K-12, consisting of not less than 2 1/2 hours for kindergarten students and 6 hours for students in grades 1-12; or
- The minimum number of statutorily required school hours for students in grades K-12.

Virtual Schools

If the board sponsors a virtual school, it shall comply with all current regulations of the Kansas State Department of Education, the school district and applicable state laws.

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AEA - School Calendar

(See IKD)

The board shall establish a calendar for each school year. On or before March 1 of each year, the superintendent shall present a recommended school calendar for the next school year. District customs, community interest, legal holidays, staff recommendations and other relevant matters shall be considered. A copy of the current calendar shall be on file in the clerk's office.

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AEB - School Year and Learning Opportunities

(See AE, JBD, JBE, JCDA, and JDD)

Prolonged or Shortened School Year

The board may prolong or shorten the regular academic year. The superintendent shall be responsible for preparing a plan and presenting it to the board, as necessary. The board may prolong or shorten the regularly scheduled academic year because of the following types of circumstances which are stated by way of illustration and not by way of limitation: adverse weather conditions, building maintenance problems, personnel problems, public health reasons, or budgetary problems.

Should the school year be shortened by board action, the board must take steps to ensure the school term provided includes at least the minimum number of days or hours required by Kansas law.

Additional Learning Opportunities for Students

The board may require additional learning opportunities for students not meeting minimum academic or behavioral standards as defined by the board or as outlined in board policy and/or handbook language. Students may be assigned to additional academic sessions taking place:

- before- or after-school;
- on Saturday; and/or
- during the summer.

Truancy laws, suspension and expulsion policies and law, and all appropriate portions of the student behavior code shall apply during additional academic sessions.

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AF - School Day

Except as otherwise provided in the negotiated agreement for staff members covered thereby, the board shall establish the time of beginning and ending the school day and other time schedules.

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AG - Closing School Buildings

(See AD)

Upon request of the board, the superintendent shall present to the board plans for efficient use of all school attendance centers.

Building Closure Process

The board, by adoption of a resolution, may close any school building at any time it determines the closure would improve the school system of the district. The board may close more than one school building in one resolution. Such a resolution shall require a majority vote of the members of the board and shall require no other approval.

Prior to adopting a resolution closing any school building, the board shall call and hold a hearing on the proposal. The notice of such hearing shall include the reasons for the proposed closing, the name of any affected school building, and the name of any school building to which the involved students shall be reassigned. Such notice also shall include the time, date, and place of the public hearing to be held on the proposal. Such notice shall be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. The last publication shall be at least 10 but not more than 20 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

At any such hearing, the board shall hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing, and a representative of the board shall present the board's proposal for such closing. Following the public hearing, or any continuation of such hearing, and after considering all of the testimony and evidence presented or submitted at the public hearing, the board shall determine whether the school building should be closed to improve the school system of the unified school district.

State Board Administrative Review

If a valid request is made not later than 45 days after the adoption of a resolution to close a school building or buildings, the state board of education shall conduct an administrative review of the resolution and issue an advisory determination, not later than 45 days after receipt of the request, to the school district that states whether the school district's resolution is reasonable under the totality of the circumstances.

Upon receipt of an advisory determination, including any advisory determination that the resolution is reasonable, the board of education of such school district shall reconsider such resolution. In reconsidering such resolution, the board of education shall hold a public hearing as provided in current law and may approve, modify and approve, or rescind such resolution upon the conclusion of such hearing.

No resolution adopted in regard to a school closing shall be effective until, at minimum, the 45-day time period has elapsed without a request for administrative review.

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