

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Education is the governing body of the school district. The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of developing policies under which the district is managed. Complete and final authority on all educational matters, except as restricted by law, is vested in the Board.

The duties of the Board may include, but are not limited to:

1. selecting a Superintendent of Schools and supporting him/her in the discharge of his/her duties;
2. carrying out all duties and responsibilities as set forth in the New York State Education Law;
3. entering into contracts and agreements in conformity with state law;
4. reviewing and adopting policies for the operation of the schools;
5. acting as the court of final appeal;
6. establishing guidelines for and adopting an annual budget;
7. appointing all employees;
8. adopting salary schedules, personnel policies, and approving funding for district negotiations with bargaining units;
9. being responsible, along with the Superintendent, for negotiating terms and conditions of employment as outlines in the Taylor Law;
10. receiving and discussing Superintendent's Reports concerning staff performance and student progress;
11. receiving, considering and/or approving reports of pending business and of the financial status of the school district;
12. requiring the Superintendent to develop a comprehensive administrative plan for the district;
13. determining the scope of educational planning;
14. considering recommendations for building improvements and expansions and determining the means for financing them;
15. representing the needs of the schools and the residents of the district; and
16. maintaining relations with local and federal authorities to plan cooperatively for the improvement of services to district students.

The Board shall levy taxes toward accomplishing these duties.

Any action by the Board shall be by resolution or motion adopted at a regular or special meeting by a majority of the Board. The Board shall not attempt to decide upon any question placed before it without examining and evaluating all information that can be made available on the subject, except in emergencies. The Superintendent shall be given an opportunity to examine and to evaluate all such information and to recommend action before the Board attempts to make a decision.

Records shall be compiled of all Board actions, which shall be designated as Board minutes, the official public records of the Board.

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