

Internal Board Policies - OrganizationPurpose and Role of the Board

The responsibilities of the Board of Education shall be as follows:

1. Provide a school system which offers a kindergarten through twelfth grade program.
2. Confer with the Superintendent of Schools about recommendations for school programs.
3. Consider and adopt textbooks selected by the Superintendent of Schools and staff together with the courses of study recommended by them.
4. Set and annually review long-term written goals for the school district.
5. Consider and approve the annual operating budget prepared by the Superintendent of Schools.
6. Consider and approve claims for expenditure.
7. Be responsible to interpret the school programs to the community through a community relations program.
8. Represent the needs of the school system before city and state authorities as well as the general public.
9. Refer parent and community criticism and suggestions to the Superintendent for consideration and recommendation.
10. Serve as a body of final appeal for staff members and school patrons on matters properly appealable from orders of the Superintendent.
11. Establish and maintain Policies consistent with the Board's interpretation of the wishes of the community and the requirements of the law and conduct an annual review of Policies as and to the extent required by law.
12. Develop a procedure whereby policy changes and/or additions may be proposed by board members, other school employees, or the general public by submitting them to the Superintendent for consideration and recommendation.
13. Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of Board policies.
14. Adopt rules and regulations in cooperation with the Superintendent for governance of the school system.
15. Select the Superintendent of Schools and support the Superintendent in the efficient discharge of the Superintendent's duties.

16. Require reports from the Superintendent.
17. Evaluate the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with applicable state laws.
18. Elect school personnel upon nomination and recommendation of the Superintendent.
19. Annually elect officers of the Board and appoint auxiliary personnel as necessary.
20. Distinguish between selfish, uninformed criticism and genuinely helpful criticism.
21. Perform specific duties imposed on school boards by statutes of the State of Nebraska.
22. Participate in local, state and national organizations for School Board members.
23. Cooperate with other governmental bodies and agencies.
24. Cooperate with professional and educational organizations.

Legal Reference:     §79-526  
                           §79-407  
                           §79-512  
                           §79-828

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