

0120 POWERS AND DUTIES

The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board are defined in Title 18A of New Jersey statutes. 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 of Education sees these as its required functions:

A. Legislative or Policy Making

The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a Superintendent who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of regulations. This includes setting goals in educational and financial areas.

B. Appraisal

The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.

C. 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.

D. Provision of Financial Resources

The Board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget that will provide the wherewithal – in terms of buildings, staff, materials, equipment and development and implementation of curriculum in all instructional areas as well as assessment tools--to enable the school system to carry out its functions. The Board is further responsible for considering both the immediate and long-term needs of the district, to the degree that they can be determined, and for adopting a budget with a reasonable view both to its immediate and long-term impact.

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E. Interpretation

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 Superintendent, 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 actions as defined in these policies and in the law.

N.J.S.A. 18A:10-1; 18A:11-1; 18A:11-2; 18A:16-1; 18A:17-5
18A:17-15; 18A:20-1; 18A:27-4 18A:33-1;
18A:34-1; 18A:36-2;
18A:54-11 et seq.

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