

**BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
B 3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Former Policy AB

A School Board is the legal entity for conducting a system of public education within the geographic area of a school district. The system was created by, and is governed by, state statutes. Members of a board are, therefore, state officers chosen by citizens of a district to represent them and the state in the legislative management of public schools.

The Board of School Commissioners has the dual responsibility for implementing statutory requirements pertaining to public education and local citizens' desires for educating the community's youth. While the Board has an obligation to determine and assess citizens' desires, it should be understood that when citizens elect delegates to represent them in the conduct of public education they, at the same time, endow their representatives with the authority to exercise their best judgment in determining policies, making decisions, and approving procedures for carrying out the responsibility.

The Board, therefore, reaffirms and declares its intent to:

- A. Create a vision for education in the community.
- B. Establish policy parameters to carry out the vision.
- C. Hire a superintendent to provide leadership and to manage the district and evaluate his/her performance.
- D. Monitor progress toward the vision.
- E. Develop and adopt a budget to support the vision, and assure sound financial oversight.
- F. Engage the community in supporting the education of students.
- G. Fulfill other legally-mandated responsibilities.

The Board has additional specific duties that support the overall operation of the schools. In a number of areas around personnel issues or student-specific concerns, the board often serves as a quasi-judicial board to resolve disputes if they are appealed after action by administrators per policies and procedures. In addition, the board is the entity that is authorized to collectively bargain contracts with school district employees.

Cross References:

- Board Member Ethics, B 10
- Board Mission Beliefs and Philosophy, A 1
- Board Member Authority, B 6;

Powers of School Board, B 5;
Meetings of Board, B 13;
Conflict of Interest; B 1R;
Board Members Professional Development, B 27;
Board Policy Development B 20;
Evaluation of Superintendent, C 3

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