

School Board Powers and Duties

The Legislature of the State of Oregon delegates to the Board responsibility for the conduct and governance of schools. The general powers granted to the Board are:

1. Legislative or Rule-Making Authority

In regular or special public meetings, after open discussion and after the votes of members are taken on the record, the Board will establish rules or policy to govern the conduct of its members and the proceedings of the Board.

The Board will establish policies for governance of schools and students consistent with the rules of the State Board of Education and with state and federal laws.

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping itself informed about the needs and wishes of the public, and for keeping local citizens informed about the schools.

2. Judicial Authority

As provided by law, policy, or contract, the Board acts as a fact finding body or a court of appeal for staff members, students, and the public when issues involve Board policies or agreements and their fair implementation, and when the Board must determine the rights, duties, or obligations of those persons who come before it.

3. Executive/Administrative Authority

The Board will appoint a superintendent and delegate to him or her the authority to establish administrative regulations to implement Board policy and goals. The Board will evaluate the superintendent in the performance of his or her duties.

The Board may establish academic and financial goals for the district and evaluate the superintendent's implementation of those goals.

The Board will oversee the financial affairs of the district by authorizing, appropriating and adopting budgets and by proposing local option or bond elections, when appropriate and as allowed by law, to provide for operation of programs and maintenance or acquisition of district property.

The Board will delegate authority to authorize and approve payment on all contracts and business transactions of the district. The Board will provide for an annual audit of the district's assets.

The Board will employ the staff necessary to carry out the educational program and will provide for regular evaluation of staff as financial and other resources allow.

The Board will direct or delegate the collective bargaining process to establish collective bargaining agreements with the district's personnel. The Board will establish, through the collective bargaining process where appropriate, salaries and salary schedules, other terms and conditions of employment, and personnel policies for district-wide application.

The Board will fix the days of the year and the hours of the day when school will be in session.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.630
ORS 243.656
ORS Chapter 279
ORS 294.305 - 294.565
ORS 294.321
ORS 294.326
ORS 332.072 - 332.111
ORS 332.505
ORS 336.035
ORS 336.095
ORS Chapter 339
ORS 342.905