

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES:

The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board are defined in the State constitution, and legislation statutes including, but no limited to; 53-4-8, 53-6-18, 53-6-20, 53-6-21, and 53-6-22. These laws imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public schools in compliance with state and federal mandates and pertinent laws. Within these constraints, the Board of Education views its required functions in these broad areas:

POLICYMAKING:

The Board is responsible for the development of policy as guides for administrative action and for employing a superintendent to implement its policies.

APPRAISAL:

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

PROVISION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

The Board is responsible for adoption of a budget, which will provide the wherewithal in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment, which will enable the school system to carry out the Board's policies.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING & EVALUATION:

The Board is responsible for establishing educational goals, which will guide both the Board and the staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the educational program. It is responsible for providing for the ongoing evaluation of the school program against the goals and objectives set forth by the Board and by the State Board of Education.

All powers of the Board of Education lie in its action as a body, individual Board members exercise their authority over district affairs only as they vote to take action at a legal meeting of the Board.

An individual Board member, including the chairman, shall have power only when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him or her.