

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGAL STATUS – Powers and Duties of the Board

The powers and duties of the Board are conferred by the legislature of the State of Illinois, the courts and as implied from such legislation and decisions. Subject to the above, complete and final control of all matters pertaining to the local educational system are vested in the Board. The Board shall act as a legislative body in determining the general policies for the operation of the District. The duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1) To provide for elections of members of the Board in the manner required by law.
- 2) To conduct regular meetings.
- 3) To select and appoint a Secretary to the Board.
- 4) To select and appoint a Treasurer for the District.
- 5) To select and appoint Legal Counsel for the Board.
- 6) To provide, within the limits of the law, the revenue necessary to conduct and maintain the schools of the District.
- 7) To select a Superintendent or Acting Superintendent and vest in such office the necessary authority and appropriate personnel to carry out the mission of the District.
- 8) To give counsel and advice, as a legally constituted body, to the Superintendent regarding the administration of the District.
- 9) To develop ways, with the advice of the Superintendent, to inform the community about the District.
- 10) To orient new Board members to the work of the Board and the operation of the District.
- 11) To reserve unto itself the legal responsibility for the operation of the District, including the right to reject any and all recommendations made to the Board.
- 12) To establish boundaries for each attendance center as the Board shall deem appropriate.
- 13) To take action after consultation with and considering the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding:
 - a) The employment, promotion, transfer, suspension or dismissal of personnel, **including determining whether an employee has willfully or negligently failed to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by 325 ILCS5/, and establishing an equal employment opportunity policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination.**
 - b) The curriculum to be taught and materials to be used.
 - c) The purchase, lease or other acquisition of property and construction and repair of buildings as may be necessary for the use of the District.
 - d) The adoption of an annual school calendar as specified by law.
 - e) The adoption and filing of an annual budget and tax levies as provided by law.
- 14) **Complying with requirements in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA). Specifically, each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in ANCRA, direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with ANCRA's requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.**
- 15) **Notifying the State Superintendent of Education promptly and in writing of the name of a licensed teacher who was convicted of a felony, along with the conviction and the name and location of the court where the conviction occurred.**
- 16) **Notifying the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) of the State of Ill. Board of Trustees promptly**

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and in writing when it learns that a teacher as defined in the Illinois Pension Code was convicted of a felony, along with the name and location of the court where the conviction occurred, and the case number assigned by that court to the conviction.

- 17) To perform such other duties as are provided by law and District Policy.