**Methods of Operation: Board**

The board of education exercises legislative authority over the schools in accordance with applicable laws. It determines policy, delegates executive, supervisory and instructional authority to its employees, and appraises the results achieved in light of the goals of the school system.

The board of education shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy and with the appraisal of results rather than with administrative detail. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the superintendent and staff, and they shall be held responsible for the effective implementation of board policies. The superintendent shall be held responsible for communication with the board sufficiently effective to enable the board to fulfill its functions.

A member of the board of education is a public officer, but has no power or authority individually. The law vests power in the board, and not in the members thereof either individually or otherwise, and these powers must be exercised by the board as a board, meeting in regular or special called meetings, with action duly recorded in its minutes.

The board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the board.

The board recognizes the importance of timely communication among board members and between the board and superintendent. The superintendent and board members are to be given prior notice of matters submitted by members for deliberation at board meetings.

See Policies 160 and 165.

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