

BOARD OF DIRECTORS POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors, in partnership with the Superintendent, shall have overall responsibility for RSU No. 5 which includes general charge of all the public schools of this unit and shall exercise such other responsibilities as specifically provided by law.

The Board, in partnership with the Superintendent, is responsible for providing leadership to guide the mission and direction of RSU No. 5. Board members will act as stewards of RSU No. 5 to ensure dedication to and use of assets and resources for the benefit of all schools in the RSU No. 5 system. The Board ensures that all RSU No. 5 Board-sponsored or supported activities are consistent with RSU No. 5's educational mission and vision.

The Board shall concern itself with questions of policy and objectives rather than with administrative details. The application of policies and objectives is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration of board policies and objectives and supervision of the entire school system.

The Board, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, attorney generals' opinions, and similar mandates from the state and national levels of government, and recognizing the authority of the state, fulfills its duties:

- A. Sets and enacts policy;
- B. Selects, employs and evaluates the Superintendent;
- C. Provides for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction and maintenance of the facilities and grounds of the school system;
- D. Prescribes the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system;
- E. Requires the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods, and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business;
- F. Approves new programs and services as set forth in policy DO.
- G. Approves the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business;
- H. Estimates the funds necessary from taxes for the operation, support, maintenance and improvement of the school system;

- I. Approves Program of Studies;
- J. Provides staff and instructional materials;
- K. Reviews curriculum as set forth in policy IGA.
- L. Evaluates how effectively schools are achieving the educational purposes of the district;
- M. Provides for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well informed public;
- N. Approves/disapproves personnel nominations from the Superintendent and determines (where appropriate via collective bargaining) compensation and working conditions of all staff; and
- O. Oversees the activities of the Board sub-committees, and task forces, and maintains awareness of relevant community groups.

Legal Reference: 20A MRSA § 100 1

Cross Reference: AD - Educational Mission and Vision

DO - Approval for New Programs

IGA - Curriculum Development and Adoption

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