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 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 the Board’s mission to promote educational excellence throughout the unit.

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 his/her staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration of board polices 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 physical plant 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 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;

G. Estimates the funds necessary from taxes for the operation, support, maintenance and improvement of the school system;

H. Adopts courses of study;
I. Provides staff and instructional aids;

J. Evaluates the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system;

K. Provides for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well-informed public;

L. Approves/disapproves personnel nominations from the Superintendent and determines (where appropriate via collective bargaining) compensation and working conditions of all staff; and

M. Monitors the activities of the sub-committees, task forces, and vested community groups.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 100 1

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