

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

- A. As trustee for the community's schools, the board of directors is responsible for:
1. Representing the Community: Learning about the concerns and aspirations that all segments of the community have for the schools and attempting to find ways to accommodate them where possible so that the schools will accurately respond to the needs of the community;
  2. Adopting Policy: Developing and implementing policies that will guide the district towards compliance with federal and state statutes, rules and regulations;
  3. Monitoring Operations: Reviewing district operations to assure compliance with district policy;
  4. Controlling Expenditures: Adopting the district's annual budget and approving expenditures pursuant to that budget;
  5. Resolving Disputes: Resolving complaints or grievances brought by students, staff or patrons, except those which by law, contract, or regulation are assigned elsewhere for resolution;
- B. Under the Basic Education Act, the board of directors, acting through its administrative staff, is responsible for:
1. Hiring the superintendent.
  2. Establishing performance criteria and an evaluation process for its certificated personnel and for all programs constituting a part of the district's curriculum;
  3. Determining the final assignment of staff, certificated or classified, according to board enumerated classroom and program needs;
  4. Determining the number of instructional hours necessary for any student to acquire a quality education in the district, in not less than an amount otherwise required by RCW 28A.150.220 or rules and regulations of the State Board of Education;
  5. Determining the allocation of staff time, whether certificated or classified;
  6. Establishing final curriculum standards consistent with law and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, relevant to the particular needs of district students or the unusual characteristics of the district and ensuring a quality education for each student in the district;

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7. Evaluating teaching materials, including textbooks, teaching aids, handouts or other printed material in public hearing upon complaint by parents, guardians or custodians of students who consider dissemination of such material to students objectionable;
8. Publishing an annual descriptive guide to the district's schools which shall be made available to each school for examination by the public.

Legal Reference:

RCW 28A.150.230

Basic Education Act of 1977 -- District school directors as accountable for proper operation of district

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