
Board Policy and Duties of the Board of Education

The Board of Education is an agency of the State of Georgia. As such, the Board's duties, responsibilities, and authority is derived from relevant state and federal law. The duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Board of Education include, but are not limited to: (1) To interpret the educational needs of the School Community and develop policies in accordance with those needs after taking into consideration local, state and federal law. (2) To evaluate and act upon the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the hiring, retention, or termination of System personnel. (3) Together with the Superintendent, to make rules to govern the School System. (4) To appoint in accordance with the law a County School Superintendent. (5) To formulate, establish, and adopt the annual budget for the School System with the assistance of the Superintendent and staff. (6) Upon due consideration of the budget, or proposed budget, the Board may impose a school tax by certification to the physical authority and/or impose by resolution of registered voters a sales tax. (7) To evaluate and pass upon the recommendation of the Superintendent for necessary capital outlay projects and to determine the means of financing such outlay, including but not limited to the issuance of general obligation bonds and the issuance of special purpose local option sales tax anticipation bonds, together with the imposition of additional school tax to retire such debt. (8) To adopt regulations and policies concerning the use of school facilities by the public. (9) To accept bequests, donations, grants, and transfers of land, buildings, and other property for the use of the School System. (10) To buy, condemn, sell and/or lease real or personal property for educational uses subject to the limitation imposed by law. (11) To contract with educational and non-educational entities for the care, education, and transportation of the System's students. (12) To keep the citizens intelligently informed of the purpose, value, condition, and needs of public education within the Community. To that end the Board shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting in each calendar month and shall establish a calendar of such meetings. The meeting calendar shall be distributed to the public through the media. The Board may change only one (1) of its regular meetings in each calendar year. (13) To support the Superintendent in his/her duties. (14) To review and decide petitions for charter schools. (15) To appoint one of its members each to serve as vice-chairman of the Board of Education for a term of one (1) calendar year. (16) To conduct the business of the Board of Education by its majority vote, not the will of individual Board Members. (17) To act as a tribunal for hearing and determining any matter of local controversy in reference to the construction and administration of school law. (18) To possess such authority, responsibility, and duty as may from time to time be imposed or bestowed on the Board of Education by law.

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