The Board will be guided by the general mandatory powers and duties of the Board as defined through statute\(^1\) which state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates.

The Board will oversee the operation of the school district in compliance with state and federal laws.\(^1\)

The Board functions only when in session. The Board’s required functions include, but are not limited, to the following:

The Board sees these as its required functions:

1. **Policy Oversight:**\(^1,2\) The Board shall develop a policy manual and employ a chief school administrator who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of administrative procedures. The Board shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.

2. **Educational Planning:**\(^2\) The Board shall require reliable information from responsible sources which enable it and the staff to work toward the continuous improvement of the educational program.

3. **Fiscal Planning:**\(^4\) The Board shall adopt a budget to provide the necessary funding in terms of buildings, staff, materials and equipment to enable the school system to carry out its functions.

4. **Promotion:** The Board shall keep the local community informed about the school system, its accomplishments, and its actions and build public support for the schools by involving the public in the planning process.

**GENERAL**

1. To develop and adopt a strategic plan in consultation with the Director of Schools;\(^2\)

2. To adopt all policies required by state or federal law;\(^3\)

3. To approve school zones;\(^4\)
4. To approve the district calendar;
5. To adopt district safety plans;
6. To approve the closure of facilities, if needed;
7. To approve an insurance provider; and
8. To approve/modify the agenda at the beginning of the board meeting.

FISCAL

1. To approve and adopt the budget;
2. To approve purchases outside the budget on a case-by-case basis in accordance with board policy;
3. To approve budget transfers;
4. To adopt the district salary schedule;
5. To approve a differentiated pay plan;
6. To approve funding for the district maintenance plan and capital requests;
7. To approve the location and scope of new building projects; and
8. To approve bids.

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENTS

1. To adopt the curriculum;
2. To adopt textbooks;
3. To review student disciplinary issues appealed to the Board and make a final determination;
4. To authorize or prohibit the use of corporal punishment; and
5. To approve or deny admission of students expelled from other school districts.

PERSONNEL

1. To employ and evaluate the Director of Schools;
2. To grant tenure to eligible teachers;\textsuperscript{14} and

3. To dismiss tenured teachers.\textsuperscript{15}

The Board shall strive to provide the best educational opportunities possible for all children.

The Board shall exercise its powers through the enactment of policies for the organization and operation of the school system. The Board shall delegate the administration of the schools to the superintendent.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-203
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(14); State Board of Education Policy 2.101; TCA 49-1-613
3. TCA 49-2-207
4. TCA 49-6-403(c)
5. TCA 49-6-3004
6. TCA 49-6-804(a)
8. TCA 49-3-306(a)
9. TCA 49-3-306(h)
10. TCA 49-6-2207(a)(1)
11. TCA 49-6-3401(c)(4)(C)
12. TCA 49-6-4104
13. TCA 49-6-3401(f)
14. TCA 49-5-504(b); TCA 49-2-203(a)(1)
15. TCA 49-5-511

Cross References

Duties of Board Members 1.202
Policy Development & Adoption 1.600
Administrative Procedures 1.601
School District Goals 1.700
School District Planning 1.701
Annual Operating Budget 2.200