Subject: Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board of Education shall exercise the powers and duties enumerated in the Education Law and by Commissioner’s Regulations.

The major function of the Board of Education is to set policy. Within this context, the following are specific areas of concern to the Board:

a) Selection and Evaluation of the Superintendent

… Selection of a Superintendent who is competent to manage the district school system.
… Critically reviewing and approving the Superintendent’s annual strategic plan for accomplishing the district’s objectives.
… Conducting an annual evaluation of the Superintendent’s performance.

b) Personnel

… Adoption of rates of pay schedules.
… Employ and dismiss personnel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
… Adoption of such policies and regulations such as leave provisions, promotional provisions, etc.

c) Curriculum

… Decisions as to the general scope and nature of educational offerings.
… Enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Board of Regents with respect to the instructional program.
… Approval of textbooks.

d) Financial

… Approval and adoption of the annual budget.
… Approval of current expenditures.
… Adoption of regulations concerning accounting for school funds.
… Decisions as to time, size and sale of bonds and the investments of monies.
… Provisions of necessary funds for operation of the schools.

e) Plant

… Decisions as to modification and/or improvement of plant and facilities.
… Employment of architects.
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… Recommendations for the purchasing, holding and sale of school property.
… Approval for employment of contractors.
… Make provisions for adequate plant operation and maintenance service.
… Make provisions for adequate furnishings of buildings.
… Part in formulating and implementing review of 5 year plan.

f) Public Relations

… Representation of the school to the community and the community to the school.
… Upholds the schools before individuals and groups.
… Working for adequate financial support from all sources.
… Making buildings and facilities available to community groups.

g) Pupils

… Determination of policies concerning age of entrance, requirements of graduation, health and personnel services, school lunches, and discipline.
… Fixing tuition charges and terms of admission for nonresident pupils.

h) General

… Determination of school calendar upon recommendation of Superintendent.
… Employment of a school attorney, and an external and an internal auditor.
… Evaluation of the interpretation of policy and the administration of regulations to the professional staff.
… Continual reappraisal of Board policies.
… Attending Board meetings informed and prepared to act on agenda items.

i) Self-Appraisal

… The Board will conduct a yearly self-appraisal to rethink its goals, measure its successes and pinpoint potential problems.
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