

Board Powers and Responsibilities

Because all powers of the Board lie in its actions as a group, individual Board members exercise authority over the District affairs only as votes are taken at a legal meeting of the Board.

In other instances, an individual Board member has power only when the Board has lawfully delegated authority to him/her.

The Board of Education shall be responsible for carrying out the mandatory laws of the state and shall consider, and accept or reject, the provisions of the permissive laws. In all instances where state laws do not provide or prohibit, the Board shall consider itself responsible for establishing and appraising the educational activities.

The Board of Education shall have the authority to make its own rules and regulations, subject to the provisions set forth in policy; to organize and maintain a system of preschool, elementary, middle, and high schools; and to exercise sole control over the schools and the property of the district.

Retention and Delegation of Authority

While the Board of Education of School District Re50J is charged by the state with the responsibility for providing educational opportunities for the children of its schools and of directing those public school activities which the state entrusts to its care and supervision, a carefully planned pattern of authority is observed by the Board. In fulfilling its obligations, the Board acts similarly in its relationships to the schools as do boards of directors to successful business organizations. That is, it acts through the power of legislation, by the determination of policies, and in the evaluation of results.

The direct administration of the school system is delegated to the Superintendent of schools whom the Board appoints to act as executive officer of the Board. The Superintendent is held individually and directly responsible to the Board for the execution of all its policies and its legislation and for such other duties assigned to him/her by the Board of Education.

The Board retains full legislative and judicial authority over the schools in accordance with the school laws and the expressed will of the electorate but delegates all executive, supervisory, and instructional authority to its employees as specified in policy. Legislative service under the law implies the power and the obligation to contract for services and materials, the authority to pass judgment upon employees and their work, and the authority to veto acts of any or all employees when the acts are deemed contrary to the rights or obligations of the school district or inconsistent with established Board policies.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109
 C.R.S. 22-32-110
 C.R.S. 22-9-101 et. seq.

CROSS REF.: BB, School Board Legal Status