

1300 SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education is a corporate body. The primary functions of the Board are to establish policies for the operation of the schools and to oversee generally that these policies are carried out. The responsibility for carrying out policies adopted by the Board is vested in the Superintendent or designee.

Official actions of the Board can be made only at duly constituted Board meetings, committee meetings, or meetings of a duly designated hearing panel of the Board. An individual Board member or groups of Board members do not have independent authority to make commitments on behalf of the Board outside of Board meetings unless such authority is granted by the Board.

All directives for action to the Superintendent shall be given by the Board acting in official meetings. No member of the Board, including the chair, may individually give orders or directives to the Superintendent or any other school employee, except as expressly authorized by the Board.

The Board's responsibilities include:

- A. Selecting the Superintendent, supporting him or her in the discharge of duties, and evaluating his or her job performance;
- B. Establishing school attendance areas;
- C. Considering and acting on appeals from administrative decisions;
- D. Enacting policy;
- E. Adopting courses of study and providing instructional resources;
- F. Employing all staff members based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent;
- G. Approving the budget, financial reports, and audits;
- H. Determining the need for and seeking funds for the operation, support, maintenance, improvement, and extension of the school system;
- I. Providing for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, maintenance, use, and disposition of physical plants of the school system;
- J. Prescribing the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system;
- K. Evaluating the educational program to determine effectiveness in achieving goals of the school system;
- L. Requiring the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods, and procedures considered essential to the efficient conduct of school business;
- M. Enforcing compliance with the provisions of state law;
- N. Providing for the dissemination to the public of information relating to the Edenton-Chowan Schools; ~~and~~
- O. Exercising general control and supervision over the public schools of the district, remaining knowledgeable of the operations of the school district, and fulfilling other duties as prescribed by law;
- P. Being an advocate for the school system, for employees, and especially for students in all interactions with other governmental entities and the public; and

Q. Providing every student with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education as defined by the North Carolina Supreme Court in *Leandro v. State*.

LEGAL REF: G.S. 115C-36, -40, -44, -47; *Leandro v. State*, 346 N.C. 336 (1997)

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