

BBA - SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

Under the laws of South Dakota, the School Board acts as the governing body of the public schools with full powers of direction and control. The Board derives its authority from the state legislature and will function within the framework of state and federal laws and regulations, court decisions and attorney general opinions.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. To select an executive, and support and guide him/her in the discharge of his/her duties.
2. To approve an annual budget.
3. To request the funds necessary to finance the operation of the schools by exercising its taxing authority.
4. To consider, advise, amend and pass upon the recommendations of the Superintendent in matters of policy, appointment or dismissal of employees, salary schedules, personnel regulations, curriculum and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the schools.
5. To require reports of the Superintendent of Schools concerning the conditions, efficiency and needs of the schools.
6. To appraise the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the Board of Education and assist in keeping the public informed concerning its programs and needs.
7. To perform the specific duties imposed upon the Board of Education by law.

LEGAL REFS.: SDCL 13-8-1; 13-8-39; 13-10-2 generally, but powers and duties of school boards established throughout Title 13.

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