



SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY

The Board is a legal body created by the statutes of the State of Wisconsin. Its members are state officials receiving their responsibilities and powers through state law.

Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have complete authority, within state law, over school affairs when they serve as a legal body.

In practice, the Board has two major functions: policy making and evaluation. Although legally authorized to administer policy, the Board delegates this function to an officer of the Board -- the District Administrator.

Delegating the administrative function makes the Board responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the execution of the Board policies. Evaluation by the Board requires a continuous appraisal of the results of its educational policies, as well as the effectiveness of the general administration.

The duties and powers of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Planning what shall be done with and in the schools of district.
2. Establishing necessary policies to effectively carry out the plans.
3. Providing the financial means, and within the limits of the law, to carry out the educational properties.
4. Selecting an executive officer and delegating to him/her the responsibility of carrying out the plans of the district in accord with the policies as adopted by the Board.
5. Appraising and evaluating the effectiveness of the total school program and the efficiency with which it is carried out.

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6. Doing all things reasonable to promote the cause of education, including establishing, providing, and improving school district programs, functions, and other activities for the benefit of students.

Legal Reference(s): Wisconsin Statutes 120.10, 120.12, 120.13, 120.75

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