

CODE 0200

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DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. To employ and annually evaluate a superintendent of schools; ¹
2. To approve positions of employment and salary schedules for such positions;
3. To elect, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, teachers who are eligible for tenure, fix salaries, and make written contracts with such tenured teachers;¹
4. To manage and control all public schools under its jurisdiction;
5. To purchase all supplies, furniture, fixtures, and material of every kind through the executive committee;
6. To visit the schools whenever, in the judgment of the Board, such visits are necessary;
7. To dismiss tenured teachers, upon sufficient proof of improper conduct, inefficient service, neglect of duty, insubordination, and/or incompetence;
8. To suspend or dismiss students when the progress or efficiency of the school makes it necessary;
9. To provide proper record books and suitable office and sufficient equipment for the superintendent;
10. To require the superintendent and the chairman of the Board to prepare a budget and when such budget has been approved by the Board, to submit it to the local funding body;
11. To have prepared a copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Board and to mail a copy to each board member and the president of the local education association;
12. To adopt and enforce minimum standards and policies governing student attendance; and

13. To develop and implement an evaluation plan for all certificated employees and to submit the plan to the Commissioner of Education for approval.²
14. To establish long range goals for the school system.

DISCRETIONARY POWERS

The Board shall have the power:

1. To consolidate schools whenever, in its judgment, efficiency would be improved;³
2. To require school children and employees to submit to a physical examination when there is reason to believe a need exists;³
3. To permit school buildings and school property to be used for public, community or recreational purposes;³
4. To employ legal counsel to advise the Board;
5. To formulate general policies for the operation of the schools of the district;
6. To approve an organization of the school program and courses of study recommended by the superintendent;
7. To evaluate the work and effectiveness of the educational program;
8. To provide for the planning, expansion, improvement, construction, maintenance, use and disposition of the physical facilities of the school system; and
9. To help interpret the education program to the community by providing for the dissemination of school information necessary for creating a well-informed public.

Legal References:

- 1 TCA 49-2-203
 - 2 TRR/MS 0520-2-1-.01
 - 3 TCA 49-2-203(b)
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