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**BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES**

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State law and regulation requires the board to discharge certain duties and confers upon them many legislative, judicial, and executive powers.

# **Legislative/Policymaking**

The board is responsible for the development and adoption of policy to direct the general management and administrative actions of the district. The policies will be put in written form and continually re-evaluated in terms of the changing needs and functions of the district.

# **Executive**

The board will employ a superintendent to serve as the district’s chief executive officer. In that role, the superintendent performs administrative duties for the board by virtue of the powers delegated to him/her. The board will hold the superintendent accountable for the proper and efficient administration of the district.

# **Quasi-Judicial**

The board is responsible for hearing appeals of professional and support staff members, parents/legal guardians, and students when such appeals are contemplated by local, state, or federal law or board policy.

# **Operational Action**

The board is responsible for carrying out board business, such as adopting procedures for meetings, electing board officers, and ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

# **Appraisal and Approval**

The board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and the implementation of its policies. The board will appraise the superintendent’s recommendations and act on each proposal in the district’s best interest. The board will hold the superintendent accountable for furnishing complete information necessary for the board’s evaluation.

# **Educational Planning and Evaluation**

The board is responsible for establishing educational goals which will guide both the board and the staff in working together toward the continued improvement of the educational program of the district. The educational program will be evaluated regularly as measured through the goals and objectives set forth by the board. The board is responsible for requiring and acquiring reliable information to make informed decisions.

# **Provision of Financial Resources**

The board will oversee the district’s finances by authorizing, appropriating, and adopting a budget and by proposing tax levies or bond elections, when appropriate and as allowed by law, to provide for operation of the district’s educational program.

**Staffing**

The board is responsible for employing the professional and support staff necessary for carrying out the district’s educational program. The board is also responsible for establishing salary schedules, terms of employment, and other personnel policies.

# **Reviewing Action**

The board has final authority within the law for the operation of the district. No section of these policies and procedures may be construed to limit the statutory powers of the board to exercise its own judgment.

# **Visits to Schools**

Board members will visit schools with the full knowledge of and coordination with staff including the superintendent and building level administrators.

Visits to schools or classrooms will occur only after making arrangements through the building-level administration of each school. Board members must check in at the school’s front office and follow all visitation procedures.

Such visits will be regarded as informal expressions of interest in school affairs and not as “inspections” or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes.

# **Public Relations**

The board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the community informed about the district and for providing opportunities for public engagement. The board encourages community members to attend school board meetings.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-19-90 - General powers and duties of school boards.
2. S.C. Acts and Joint Resolutions:
3. 2018 Act 280 - Consolidation bill for the school districts of Orangeburg County.