

**POWERS, PURPOSES AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**Powers and Duties**

The Governing Board is the governing body of this school district and derives its power and exists under the Constitution and Acts of the legislature of the State of California and the procedures of the California State Board of Education.

The Board shall act as a committee of the whole in final consideration of all matters.

The Board's primary goal is to provide each student with an education of the highest quality in keeping with his/her capacity to learn. This goal shall be the basic factor motivating the Board's execution of its powers and duties.

The Board has the power and responsibility to discharge any duty imposed by law upon it or upon the district of which it is the Board.

The Board may initiate and carry on any program activity, or may otherwise act in any manner which is not in conflict with or inconsistent with, or preempted by law, any law, and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which school districts are established.

Administrators and staff shall cooperate with all agencies of government in the achievement of educational objectives mutually agreed upon. Such agencies shall include, but not be restricted to, the State Legislature, the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Department of Education, the San Diego County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools.

Recognized educational and school related programs which are legally permissive in nature shall be of secondary priority but shall be conducted to the extent that they are desired by the residents of the school district and to the extent that funds are available for their support.

The district shall not attempt to perform services which are not educational or for the welfare of students.

**Governance Functions**

To fulfill its responsibility, the Board is committed to establishing policies to govern district activities.

The Board shall consider and approve or disapprove matters submitted to it by the Superintendent and the public.

The Board shall prescribe rules for its own governance which are consistent with law or with the rules prescribed by the State Board of Education.

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**Executive Functions**

The Board is authorized by law to delegate any of its powers and duties to a district officer or employee. The Superintendent shall be the chief executive officer of the Board. In accordance with Board policy, the Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to carry out Board decisions and to make and carry out any decisions which it delegates. The Superintendent shall be fully responsible for the proper use of this authority.

The Board is ultimately responsible for the performance of any powers or duties delegated.

**Judicial Functions**

The Board believes that school employees and citizens have the right to a hearing and resolution of grievances, complaints and criticisms. In order to maintain positive personnel and public relations, the Board, convened, shall serve as body of appeal for grievances, complaints and criticisms in accordance with Board policies and negotiated employee agreements.