

The Board of Education, as a political sub-division of the state, accepts full responsibility for the general control and direction of the school system.

It is recognized that members of the Board are individuals elected at large by the qualified voters of the district and that their rights, privileges, and responsibilities are defined by law. It is a sentiment of all Board members that they are bound to provide the best education for students at a reasonable cost to the tax paying public. They are also morally bound to be concerned for employee welfare.

The primary functions of the Board are legislative (policy making and judicial). It is a legislative and judicial body approving such recommendations as it judges to be for the best interest of the schools.

The general organization of Parsons District Schools is that of a unified system with the superintendent as the chief administrator, supervisor and advisory officer. Education and business activities are coordinated by the superintendent for the purpose of educating those enrolled in the schools.

The Board shall hold the superintendent responsible for the quality of education received by the students and the efficient administration and supervision of the schools. The Board is obligated to make provisions for and safeguard funds which will enable the schools to be operated in accordance with the state school laws. The Board shall abide by such rules and regulations as previous Boards have approved, until changed by official action of the Board.

The Board shall exercise such additional powers, functions and responsibilities as are given to it by law.

In the event a decision cannot be rendered under existing policies or rules, the Board shall assume final responsibility for the decision.

**Duties of Officers****President**

The president of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He may also make motions, discuss, vote and participate as any other member.

**Vice-President**

In the absence of the president or his inability to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president.

**Clerk**

The clerk shall be appointed by the Board, shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, but shall not be a Board member.

The clerk will keep an accurate journal of the proceedings of the Board, have care and custody of the records, books and documents of the Board and countersign all warrants drawn upon the treasurer by order of the Board.

The clerk must give bond in the sum of \$1,000 before entering upon the discharge of duties.

**Treasurer**

The treasurer shall disburse all money belonging to the Board in accordance with provision of Chapter 9, Article 14, of the General Statutes of 1949 and accounts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. The treasurer shall prepare and submit, in writing, monthly reports of the finances of the Board and shall pay money belonging to the Board only upon warrants signed by the president or in his absence, by the vice-president and countersigned by the clerk and treasurer. The treasurer may not be the same person as the clerk and may not be a member of the Board. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the treasurer shall furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount of \$20,000.