

POLICY

Willingboro Township

Board of Education

Section: Bylaws

0120. AUTHORITY AND POWERS

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The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board are defined in Title 18A of New Jersey statutes. Other sections of the statutes state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with State and federal mandates and pertinent laws of the municipality. The Board functions only when in session.

The Board of Education sees these as its required functions:

1. Policy Oversight

The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a Superintendent who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of regulations. The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. This includes setting and evaluating goals in educational and financial areas.

2. Educational Planning

The Board is responsible for establishing educational goals which will guide both the Board and the staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the educational program. It is responsible for providing the ongoing evaluation of the school program against the goals and objectives set forth by the Board and by the State Board of Education, State Department of Education and other State regulatory agencies.

3. Provision of Financial Resources

The Board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget which will provide the wherewithal in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment to enable the school system to carry out its functions.

4. Interpretation

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local community informed about the school and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the wishes of the public. All planning, both that which is and that which is not related to the budget, needs to be interpreted to the public if citizens are to support the school program.

The Board believes that, by diligently exercising these functions, it will be able to provide, within the financial limitations set by the community, the best educational opportunities possible for our children.

The Board shall exercise its powers through the legislation of bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of the school district.

The Board shall be responsible for the operation of the school but shall delegate the administration to the Superintendent, who shall be appointed by a recorded roll call majority vote of the full Board.

The Board may hear appeals in complaints and in grievance and disciplinary actions as defined in these policies and in the law.

N.J.S.A. 18A:10-1; 18A:11-1; 18A:16-1; 18A:20-1; 18A:27-4

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