

<b>MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3</b>	<b>NEPN Code: BBAA</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS</b>	

**BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

By statute definition the School Board is an elected body created according to the laws of the state to serve as the governing board of a School District for the purpose of organizing, maintaining, and locating schools and for providing educational opportunities and services for all District residents.

As provided and limited by law, the School Board shall have general charge, direction, and management of the school of the district and control and care of all property belonging to it. The School Board may levy taxes, borrow money, employ any necessary personnel, lease real and personal property, carry liability and other insurance, or in lieu of insurance, make other arrangements, including entering into agreements with others, which agreements may create separate legal or administrative entities pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-24, to protect and assist the School Board in meeting obligations arising from such acts or omissions for which the School Board may be legally liable, purchase all necessary books and equipment and purchase real property and erect necessary buildings for the operation of such school.

The School Board functions only when it is convened in regular or special meeting which has been legally called. No member of the School Board shall have power to act in the name of the Board outside of the Board meeting. It is recommended that Board members as individuals do not commit themselves outside of Board meetings to any course of action concerning school affairs that has not been agreed upon in the regular session of the Board.

The School Board has the responsibility to promulgate policies that will provide direction and management of all schools and departments within the district. It shall delegate administrative authority to the Superintendent of Schools, but shall be responsible to the public for the results produced. Delegating the administrative function makes the board responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the execution of School Board policies as well as effectiveness of general administration. The School Board shall:

1. Act as a policy making body and through its own legislative action make effective these policies. Policy making is a function which determines what shall be done, establishing procedures for accomplishing the tasks, selecting an executive officer and delegating him/her the placing of plans and policies into operation and providing the financial means for their achievement.

2. Act as an appraisal body rendering judgment upon recommendations that may come to it through executive officers, its own members, or the public which concern the progress and improvement of the schools. The appraisal shall determine the efficiency of operation of the general activities and the worth and value of the results of the activities in relation to the efficiency and value of the instruction.
3. Sit as a judicial body when the superintendent requests a hearing or on an appeal for any school employee, group of employees or a student disciplinary matter.
4. Select an executive officer, and support and guide him/her in the discharge of his/her duties.
5. Adopt an annual budget for the support of education in the District.
6. Request funds necessary to finance the operation of the schools by exercising its taxing authority.
7. Consider, advise, amend and pass upon the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding:
  - a. matters of policy
  - b. appointment, transfer or dismissal of employees
  - c. salary schedules for all employee groups
  - d. personnel regulations
  - e. curriculum and course of study
  - f. programs and needs of the school
  - g. all other matters pertaining to the welfare of the school
8. Require reports of the Superintendent of Schools concerning the conditions, efficiency and needs of the schools.
9. Appraise the effectiveness with which the school is achieving the educational purposes of the School Board and assist in keeping the public informed concerning its programs and needs.
10. Perform the specific duties imposed upon the School Board by law.

**LEGAL REF:**

SDCL – 13-8-33                      Majority Required for Action by School Board  
SDCL – 13-8-39                      Management of Schools by Board – General Powers

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