

Board Bylaw

Role of the Board

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The Governing Board has been elected by the community to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the District. The Board shall ensure that the District is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community.

Even though trustees are elected by Areas within the District, each trustee represents the entire District, and all the schools in the District, and not just those schools which are located geographically in the trustees' Area.

The Board is authorized to establish and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law. (Education Code § 35160)

The Board shall work with the Superintendent to fulfill its major responsibilities, which include:

1. Setting the direction for the District through a process that involves the community, parents/guardians, students, and staff and is focused on student learning and achievement
2. Establishing an effective and efficient organizational structure for the District by:
 - a. Employing the Superintendent, and approving or ratifying other personnel actions pursuant to Board Policy
 - b. Overseeing the development and adoption of Board policies
 - c. Establishing academic expectations and adopting the curriculum and instructional materials
 - d. Establishing budget priorities and adopting the budget
 - e. Providing safe, adequate facilities that support the District's instructional

programs

f. Setting parameters for negotiations with employee organizations and ratifying collective bargaining agreements

g. Approving or ratifying contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding

3. Providing support to the Superintendent and staff as they carry out the Board's direction by:

a. Establishing and adhering to standards of responsible governance

b. Making decisions and providing resources that support District priorities and goals

c. Upholding Board policies

d. Being knowledgeable about District programs and efforts in order to serve as effective spokespersons

4. Ensuring accountability to the public for the performance of the District's schools by:

a. Evaluating the Superintendent and setting policy for the evaluation of other personnel

b. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of policies

c. Serving as a judicial and appeals body in accordance with law, Board policies, and negotiated agreements

d. Monitoring student achievement and program effectiveness and requiring program changes as necessary

- e. Monitoring and adjusting District finances
 - f. Monitoring the collective bargaining process
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- 5. Providing community leadership and advocacy on behalf of students, the District's educational program, and public education in order to build support within the local community and at the state and national levels
 - 6. Helping to ensure that the District acts in compliance with law