

Board Bylaws**ROLE OF THE BOARD**

The Governing Board is elected by the community to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the district's schools. The Board shall work with the Superintendent to fulfill its major roles, which include:

1. Setting a direction for the district
2. Providing a basic organizational structure for the district by establishing policies
3. Ensuring accountability
4. Providing community leadership on behalf of the district and public education

To fulfill these basic responsibilities, the Board shall:

1. Involve the community, parents/guardians, students and staff in developing a common vision for the district focused on learning and achievement and responsive to the needs of all students
2. Adopt, evaluate and update policies consistent with the law and the district's vision and goals
3. Maintain accountability for student learning by adopting the district curriculum and monitoring student progress
4. Hire and support the Superintendent so that the vision, goals and policies of the district can be implemented
5. Conduct regular and timely evaluations of the Superintendent based on the vision, goals and performance of the district, and ensure that the Superintendent holds district personnel accountable
6. Adopt a fiscally responsible budget based on the district's vision and goals, and regularly monitor the fiscal health of the district
7. Ensure that a safe and appropriate educational environment is provided to all students
8. Establish a framework for the district's collective bargaining process and adopt responsible agreements
9. Provide community leadership on educational issues and advocate on behalf of students and public education at the local, state and federal levels

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10. Convene as a judicial and appeals body and serve as the final decision-maker in accordance with law, Board policies and negotiated agreements

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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

5304 Duties of governing board (re school district elections)
12400-12405 Authority to participate in federal programs
17565-17592 Board duties re property maintenance and control
33319.5 Implementation of authority of local agencies
35000 District name
35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
35020-35046 Officers and agents
35100-35351 Governing boards, especially:
35160-35185 Powers and duties
35291 Rules

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Professional Governance Standards, November 2000

Maximizing School Board Leadership, 1996

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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