THE SCHOOL BOARD’S ROLE

The School Board is comprised of seven (7) members elected by district residents, for overlapping terms of three years. The Board of Education is both an agent of the state and a representative body of the people of the district. The Board derives its authority from the State Constitution, State Statutes, and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

In accordance with Education Law, the Board of Education adopts policies, rules and bylaws they deem will best meet the statutory responsibilities and secure the best educational results for the students in their charge. Generally, a school board is responsible for the admission, instruction, discipline, grading, and as appropriate, classification of students attending the public schools; for the employment and management of necessary professional and support staff; to protect the health and safety of all students and staff; and for the purchasing, leasing, maintaining and insuring school buildings, properties, equipment and supplies. The Board determines the educational goals and vision of the school system.

The school board has the authority and duty to present a detailed statement of expenditures (i.e., the proposed budget) for the ensuing school year, which must be submitted to the district voters annually for approval.

The Board appoints the Superintendent of Schools to provide the educational leadership, expertise, and knowledge to lead the district in the direction established by the Board. The Superintendent oversees the day-to-day operation of the school system and implements the priorities and policies set by the Board. Board members volunteer their service to the community and are not financially compensated. Voting for school board positions takes place on the same day as the budget vote — the third Tuesday in May.