

Bylaws of the Board

Role of the Board and Member (Powers, Purposes, Duties)

The Board of Education, whose members are selected as representatives of the people in the school district, shall act as the general agent of the State in carrying out the will of the people of the district in matters of public education.

The Board has those powers which are expressly granted to it by the legislature and also such powers as may be reasonably implied from the express powers granted.

The New Fairfield Board of Education views its required functions in these broad areas:

1. **Legislative and Policymaking.** The Board is responsible for the development of policy as guides for administrative action and for employing a Superintendent to implement its policies.
2. **Appraisal.** The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.
3. **Provision of Financial Resources.** The Board is responsible for adoption of a budget which will provide the wherewithal - in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment which will enable the school system to carry out the Board's policies.
4. **Public Relations.** The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.
5. **Education Planning and Evaluation.** The Board is responsible for adopting educational goals which will guide both the Board and the staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the education program. It is responsible for providing for the ongoing evaluation of the school program against the goals and objectives set forth by the Board and by the State Board of Education.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 1-18a Definitions
- 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education
- 10-220 Duties of boards of education.
- 10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules
- 10-240 Control of schools
- 10-241 Powers of school districts

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