

201 LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

I. PURPOSE

The responsibility for the care, fiduciary management and control of the programs and sites of the school district is vested by statutory and constitutional authority in the school board. The school board shall carry out the mission of the school district with diligence, prudence, and dedication to the ideals of providing the finest public education. The purpose of this policy is to define the authority, duties and powers of the school board in carrying out its mission.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board is the governing body of the school district. As such, the school board has responsibility for the care, fiduciary management, and control over programs and sites of the school district.
- B. Generally, appointed members of the school board have binding authority only when acting as a school board legally in session, except where specific authority is provided to school board members or officers individually. Generally, the school board is not bound by an action or statement on the part of an individual school board member unless the action is specifically directed or authorized by the school board.

III. DEFINITION

“School board” means the governing body of the school district.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- A. As per the joint powers agreement, the membership of the Intermediate School District 917 School Board shall consist of one appointed person from each Member School District, and the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member.
- B. The term of a School Board Member shall be three (3) years. If a School Board member is unable to complete the full term, a successor shall be appointed by the member district to complete the uncompleted term.
- C. Following the established rotational plan, one-third of the members are to be appointed each year on or before June 30.

- D. A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum. The act of the majority of a quorum is the act of the school board.

The School Board is responsible for the fair and uniform application of all local, state and federal laws applicable in the operation of District 917 schools. The schools shall be operated for the educational benefit and service to all students served by district programs.

The School Board is the policy-making body of the school district. The School Board in its operation and organization will provide direction and exercise leadership primarily through the formulation and adoption of policies.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers **of Independent School Districts**)
Minn. Stat. § 136D.81 to 136D.92 (Intermediate School Districts)