

**District:** Tupelo Public School District  
**Section:** A - School District Organization  
**Policy Code:** ABA - Authority

## BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. As a body created under law by the State of Mississippi, the Board of Trustees has authority within the limitations and interpretations of federal and state laws and regulations. In all cases where federal or state laws or regulations do not provide, permit, or prohibit action, the Board shall consider itself the agent responsible for establishing and appraising educational activities and needs of the District.
2. A member of the Board, acting as an individual, has no authority over school affairs, but has such authority only when acting as a body duly called in session.
3. ~~The Board in its official capacity shall hold all school property and shall be capable of purchasing and holding real and personal property, of building and repairing school structures, of selling and transferring the same for school purposes, and of prosecuting and defending suits for or against the District.~~
4. ~~The Board shall:~~
  - a. ~~Attend activities which provide orientation/training sessions of Board members for their educational leadership role, such as new Board member training, meetings of the Mississippi School Board Association and National School Board Association;~~
  - b. ~~Assure that District administrators attend all training sessions as may be required by the state;~~
  - c. ~~Participate in the policy development aspects of the District's long-range educational planning;~~
  - d. ~~Determine that District administrators are applying specific standards for promotion, retention and graduation of students as required by local policy and state law;~~
  - e. ~~Assure that school buildings and equipment are maintained in a manner which supports the teaching/learning process;~~
  - f. ~~Monitor the local District's early childhood educational program, vocational education, special education, and federal programs; and~~
  - g. ~~Actively monitor and evaluate the adoption, implementation and effectiveness of its policies.~~

~~Additionally, every Board member shall spend at least one (1) full day in a school in the District without compensation.~~

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