

202 - SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

I. PURPOSE

School board officers are charged with the duty of carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to them for the care, management, and control of the public schools of the school district. The purpose of this policy is to delineate those responsibilities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board shall meet annually in January and organize by selecting a chair, a clerk, a treasurer and such other officers as determined by the school board. At its option, the school board may appoint a vice-chair to serve in the temporary absence of the chair.
- B. The school board shall appoint a superintendent who shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the school board.

III. ORGANIZATION

The school board shall meet annually in January and organize by selecting a chair, a clerk, a treasurer, and such other officers as determined by the school board. These officers shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualify.

- A. Any duties of the clerk and treasurer may be delegated to the superintendent or a designee.

IV. OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Chair

- 1. The chair, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the school board, countersign all orders upon the treasurer for claims allowed by the school board, represent the school district in all actions, and perform all duties a chair usually performs.
- 2. In case of absence, inability, or refusal of the clerk to draw orders for the payment of money authorized by a vote of the majority of the school board to be paid, the chair may draw the orders, or the office of the clerk may be declared vacant by the chair and treasurer and filled by appointment.

B. Treasurer

- 1. The treasurer shall deposit the funds of the school district in the official depository.
- 2. The treasurer shall make all reports which may be called for by the school board and perform all duties a treasurer usually performs.

3. In the event there are insufficient funds on hand to pay valid orders presented to the treasurer, the treasurer shall receive, endorse, and process the orders in accordance with Minnesota Statute 124.06.

C. Clerk

1. The clerk shall keep a record of all meetings in the books provided.
2. Within three days after an election, the clerk shall notify all persons elected of their election.
3. On or before October 15 of each year, the clerk shall file with the school board a report of the revenues, expenditures, and balances in each fund for the preceding fiscal year.
4. The clerk shall enter into the clerk's record book copies of all required reports and the proceedings of any meeting, and keep an itemized account of all expenses of the school district.
5. The clerk shall furnish to the county auditor, on or before October 10, an attested copy of the clerk's record, showing the amount of money voted by the school district or the school board for school purposes.
6. The clerk shall draw and sign all orders upon the treasurer for the payment of money for bills allowed by the school board for salaries of officers and for teachers' wages and all claims, to be countersigned by the chair.
7. The clerk shall perform such duties as required by the Minnesota Election Law or other applicable laws relating to the conduct of elections.

D. Vice-Chair

The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the event of the chair's temporary absence.

E. Superintendent

1. The superintendent shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the school board.
2. The superintendent shall perform the following:
 - a. visit and supervise the schools in the school district, report and make recommendations about their condition when advisable or on request by the school board;
 - b. recommend to the school board employment and dismissal of teachers;

- c. superintend school grading practices and examinations for promotions;
- d. make reports required by the commissioner ; and
- e. perform other duties prescribed by the school board.

V. ABSENCE OF OFFICERS

- A. In the absence of the chair, another member of the school board shall serve as pro-tem chair upon election by a majority of school board members present.
- B. In the absence of the clerk and/or treasurer and when agenda items dictate a need for such officers, the acting clerk and/or treasurer shall serve as pro-tem officers.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. 123.34 (Officers)
Minn. Stat. 124.06 (Finance))
Minn. Stat. 124A.03 (Referendum Revenue)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 205A (School District Elections)

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