

Weakley County Board of Education



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2 The Board will be guided by the general mandatory powers and duties of the Board as defined
3 through statute¹ which state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate
4 the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates. The Board
5 functions only when in session.

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7 For the purpose of this policy manual, the terms *Superintendent* and *Director of Schools* will be
8 interchangeable.

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10 The Board sees these as its required functions:

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12 1. Policy Oversight²: The Board will develop policy and employ a chief school
13 administrator who shall carry out its policies through the development and
14 implementation of administrative procedures. The Board will evaluate the
15 effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. This includes setting and
16 evaluating goals in educational and financial areas.
- 17 2. Educational Planning³: The Board will require reliable information from responsible
18 sources which enable it and the staff to work toward the continuous improvement of
19 the educational program.
- 20 3. Provision of Financial Resources⁴: The Board will adopt a budget to provide the
21 necessary funding in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment to enable the
22 school system to carry out its functions.
- 23 4. Interpretation: The Board will keep the local community informed about the schools
24 and keep itself informed about the wishes of the public. The Board will build public
25 support for the schools by involving the public in its planning process.

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27 The Board will provide, within the financial limitations set by the community, the best
28 educational opportunities possible for all children.

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30 The Board shall exercise its powers through the legislation of policies for the organization and
31 operation of the school district. The Board will delegate the administration of the schools to the
32 Director of Schools.

Legal References:

¹ TCA 49-2-203

² TCA 49-2-207

³ TCA 49-1-302(a)(3); TRR/MS 0520-2-1-.01

⁴ TCA 49-2-203(a)(10)

Cross References:

1.600 Policy Development and Adoption

1.700 School District Goals

2.200 Annual Operating Budget