

SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

The Board of Education is an elected body representing the people of Colorado Springs School District 11. The primary role of the Board of Education is strategic. Strategic planning with a focus on leadership, systems analysis, customer satisfaction, human resources, efficient and effective management and results is the primary responsibility of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education is a legislative body, which formulates and adopts policy. They select a Superintendent to implement policy and evaluate results. It must carry out its function openly, while seeking the involvement and contributions of the public, students and staff in its decision-making process.

In accordance with these principles, the Board of Education through its mode of operating in an accepted method of continuous quality improvement, will seek to achieve the following:

- To concentrate the Board of Education collective effort on its policymaking and planning responsibilities.
- To formulate Board of Education policies which best serve the educational interest of each student.
- To provide the Superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing Board of Education policies.
- To maintain effective communication with the public the Board of Education serves and with staff and students in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas.
- To conduct Board of Education business openly, soliciting and encouraging broad-based involvement in the Board of Education's decision-making processes by public, students, and staff.

Functions of the Board of Education

Reviewing Action

The Board of Education has final authority within the provision of the statutes for the operation of the schools. No section of these policies and procedures may be construed to limit the statutory powers of the Board of Education to exercise its own judgment on the basis of recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools.

Adoption of Policies

It is the responsibility of the Board to adopt policies for the management of the District. The policies will be put in written form and continually reevaluated in terms of the changing needs and functions of public education. Any revision in Board policy is subject to the approval of the Board. All administrative regulations will be submitted to the Board of Education for systems analysis.

Legislative Action

The legislative authority includes policy making action.

Appraisal and Approval Action

The Board of Education is responsible for evaluating both the effectiveness of its policies and how well they have been put into action. The Superintendent or the Board of Education recommends specific action, and it is the function of the Board of Education to appraise the alignment of each recommendation and to act on each proposal.

Operational Action

The Board of Education is responsible for the process of carrying on Board business such as adopting a procedural form for meetings, election of Board officers, and providing the enforcement of state laws and directives from the Colorado Department of Education.

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Executive Action

The Superintendent performs administrative duties for the Board of Education by authority delegated to him/her. The Board must hold the Superintendent accountable for the proper and efficient administration of schools.

Quasi-judicial Action

The Board of Education serves in a quasi-judicial function when it acts on appeals of parents, students, or employees on decisions made by the Superintendent or designees.

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