

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53**  
**Burnham – Detroit – Pittsfield**

**Board Member Authority and Duties**

Members of the board have authority for the conduct of the schools only when acting as a board legally in session. The board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the board.

The board, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, attorney generals' opinions, and similar mandates from the state and national levels of government, and recognizing the authority of the state, fulfills its mission as the governing body of a political subdivision by acting as follows in the execution of its duties:

- A. Enacts policy;
- B. Provides for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction and maintenance of the physical plant of the school system;
- C. Prescribes the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system;
- D. Requires the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business;
- E. Approves the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations, and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business;
- F. Evaluates the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system;
- G. Provides for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well-informed public;
- H. Familiarizes with state school laws, regulations of the State Department of Education, district policies, rules and regulations;
- I. Works harmoniously;
- J. Vote and act in the board meetings impartially for the good of the district;
- K. Accepts the will of the majority vote in all cases and gives wholehearted support to the resulting policy;
- L. Represents itself and the district's schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
- M. Selects, employs, and evaluates the superintendent.
- N. Approves/disapproves nominations of staff from the superintendent.

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