

Descriptor Term:  
DUTIES OF MEMBERS

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Cross References:

Each board member shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. to become familiar with state laws and local administrative rules and regulations;
2. to have a thorough knowledge of current educational policies and their aims and purposes;
3. to work harmoniously with other board members;
4. to vote and act in the board meetings, based on facts and evidence and not on sectionalism, and in the best interest of the school system;
5. to represent the school board and the school system to the public in such a way as to promote popular interest and support; and
6. to refer complaints and suggestions to the properly designated officers of the board or the superintendent, to discourage petty complaints, to ignore gossip and rumor and not fear criticism.

The board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. to select the superintendent of schools and support him/her in the discharge of his/her duties;
2. to adopt policies for the efficient operation of the schools;
3. to approve an annual budget and submit it to the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for adoption;
4. to elect all personnel only upon the recommendation of the superintendent;
5. to require reports from the superintendent that indicate the progress of the school system in terms of achievement of pupils, teachers, administrators and other personnel;
6. to present the needs of the schools to the citizens of the county;
7. to act as final authority for school employees and patrons in cases which may be appealed from the decision of the superintendent;
8. to require and consider reports of business transacted or pending and of the financial status of the system;
9. to consider recommendations for additional capital outlay and adopt plans for such improvements and determine the means for financing them; and
10. to adopt a school calendar indicating the opening and closing dates of school and setting holidays.

Board members shall have authority only when acting as a board in session. The board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of any individual board member or employee except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions or rules of the board.