

## 170 BOARD MEETINGS

Board members individually and collectively act as representatives of the residents of the School District in maintaining and promoting schools. Through various means for listening, discussing and weighing education-related issues among themselves, school employees, students, parents, and other residents, they seek to move toward decisions and actions which will best serve the educational needs of students in light of available resources and the often conflicting needs and demands of all interested individuals and groups.

All actions of the Board shall be taken only in official Board meetings called, scheduled, and conducted according to Board policy and state law. Consequently, preparation for, conduct of, and action following Board meetings, is of crucial concern for the welfare of our schools.

The primary focus of Board meetings is three-fold:

1. Assurance of adequate opportunities for discussion and deliberation among all interested parties to enable the Board to arrive at sound decisions.
2. Decision-making primarily in light of Board-adopted policies, with responsibility for administrative regulations and action delegated to the Superintendent and his/her staff.
3. Review of results through the monitoring of process and product reports to enable the Board to exercise its leadership role effectively in guiding the school system.

### **Attendance**

The Board or the Superintendent may require the attendance of other staff members at Board meetings.

Board members are encouraged to notify the Board President or Secretary in the event of foreseeable absence from a scheduled committee, special Board meeting, or regular Board meeting.

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