

0120 AUTHORITY AND POWERS

The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board are defined in Title 18A of New Jersey statutes. Other sections of the statutes state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with State and Federal mandates and pertinent laws of the municipality. The Board functions only when in session.

The Ridgewood Board of Education sees its required functions primarily as:

1. Legislative or policy making: The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a Superintendent who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of regulations.
2. Appraisal: The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.
3. Educational planning: The Board is responsible for requiring and acquiring reliable information from responsible sources which will enable it and the staff to work toward the continuing improvement of the educational program.
4. Provision of financial resources: The Board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget which will provide the wherewithal - in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment - to enable the school system to carry out its functions.
5. Interpretation: The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local community informed about the schools and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the wishes of the public. All planning, both that which is and that which is not related to the budget, needs to be interpreted to the public if citizens are to support the school program.

The Board believes that, by diligently exercising these functions, it will be able to provide, within the financial limitations set by the community and New Jersey statutes, the best educational opportunities possible so that our youth will function with reasonable success both personally and as participating, responsible citizens of this nation.

The Board shall exercise its powers through the legislation of bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of the school district.



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The Board shall be responsible for overseeing the operation of the schools but shall delegate the administration to the Superintendent, who shall be appointed by a recorded roll-call majority vote of the full Board.

The Board may hear appeals in complaints, and in grievance and disciplinary actions as defined in these policies and in the law.

The Board shall identify annual Board goals for the district in conformance with the Superintendent's goals.

N.J.S.A. 18A:10-1; 18A:11-1; 18A:16-1; 18A:20-1; 18A:27-4

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