

SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY

The School Board is a legal body created by the statutes of the state of South Dakota. Its members are state officials receiving their responsibilities and powers through state law.

Members of the Board shall have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be in any way bound by any statement or action on the part of an individual member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instruction of the Board.

The Board is, in practice, primarily a policymaking body. Although legally authorized to administer policy, the Board delegates this function to the Superintendent of Schools.

Delegating the administrative function makes the Board responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the execution of Board policies. Evaluation by the Board requires a continuous appraisal of the results of its policies as well as the effectiveness of the general administration.

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