



INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES: Organization

Purpose, Role and Responsibilities of the Board of Education

I. Policy Statement

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is a separate legal entity created under the laws of the State of Maryland. The Board has full authority and jurisdiction over all educational matters affecting Baltimore County and shall promote the interests of the schools under its jurisdiction.
- B. The Board may sue and be sued and exercise all powers and privileges granted to or vested in it by law.

II. Purpose

- A. The Board is empowered, directed, and required to maintain a reasonably uniform system of public schools designed to provide quality education and equal educational opportunity for all children in Baltimore County.
- B. Some of the Board's duties and obligations include the duty and obligation to:
 - 1. Reflect the aspirations and desires of the citizens for an adequate educational program.
 - 2. Comply with federal and state laws and regulations.
 - 3. Select the Superintendent.
 - 4. Appoint the personnel needed for developing and carrying out the educational program as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - 5. Exercise its lawful budgetary authority to propose adequate funding for current and proposed staffing guidelines.
 - 6. Review the evaluation of the educational program as determined by the Superintendent and act upon recommendations contained therein.
 - 7. Prepare and support an annual budget for the operating and capital needs of the school system.

III. Mission

- A. The Board, as the governing body of the school system, fulfills its mission by adopting policies concerning:
 - 1. The educational program, to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purposes of the school system.
 - 2. The appointment of a staff, and its professional development, to assist students in reaching appropriate goals.
 - 3. The dissemination of information relating to the schools, necessary for creating a well-informed public.
 - 4. The planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, and maintenance of the physical plant of the school system.
 - 5. The standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system.
 - 6. The establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods, and procedures incidental to the conduct of school business.
 - 7. 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.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §4-101, *Control and Promotion of Education*
Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §4-108, *Duties in General*

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