

Section B: School Board Governance and Operations

BDD Board-Director Relationship

The Cooperative Board (Board) of Region 8 believes that exercising its governing function through policymaking is its most important responsibility. The Board is also responsible for setting the direction for Region 8 and evaluating progress toward goals.

The management of the school is the function of the Director. Delegation by the Board of its executive powers to the Director provides freedom for the Director to manage the school within the Board's policies and frees the Board to devote its time to policy-making and statutory functions.

The Board holds the Director responsible for complying with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; for administering Board policies and decisions; for the operation of the school and educational program; for the system of supervision and evaluation of staff; and for keeping the Board informed about school operations, problems and opportunities. The Board recognizes that the Director may delegate certain responsibilities to other personnel. Such delegation does not relieve the Director of the final responsibility for actions taken.

The Board, collectively and as individual members, shall:

- A. Recognize the Director as the educational leader of the school;
- B. Provide direction for the Director through written policies, objectives, and goals for the school;
- C. Give the Director full administrative authority and support for properly discharging his/her professional duties, while holding him/her responsible for acceptable results;
- D. Hold all board meetings in the presence of the Director, except as otherwise permitted by law or when the Director voluntarily excuses him/herself at the request of the Board;
- E. Refer complaints, criticisms, and requests to the Director or other appropriate personnel and discuss them at Board meetings only after administrative solutions have been exhausted;
- F. Evaluate the Director and provide appropriate opportunities for the Director to share his/her perceptions regarding the working relationship between the Board and the Director.

Legal Reference: 1 MRSA § 401 et seq.
20-A MRSA § 1001 (subsections 1, 2, 4 to 7, 11-A and 12)
20-A MRSA § 13201

Cross Reference: BBA – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities
BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics
CB – School Director
CBI – Evaluation of Director

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