

ROLE OF BOARD AND MEMBERS (POWERS PURPOSES, DUTIES)

The School Board's primary goal is to provide each student with an education of the highest quality. This goal shall be the basic factor motivating the Board's execution of its powers and duties.

The Board is responsible for the general control and direction of education in the district and is empowered to carry on and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law. This broad authority shall be exercised in accordance with State and Federal Constitutions, laws, and regulations. The Board may execute any powers delegated by law to it or to the district, which it governs, and shall discharge any duty imposed, by law upon it or upon the district, which it governs.

The purpose of the Board is to provide **informed oversight** to ensure Wrangell Public Schools achieves appropriate and measurable progress to ensure the advancement of learning for all students by fulfilling:

1. District Vision
2. District Strategic Plan
3. District Strategic Plan Measurable Goals

Governance Functions

The Board shall consider and approve or disapprove matters submitted to it by the Superintendent and the public and is committed to establishing policies to govern district activities. The Board shall prescribe bylaws for its own governance with law or with the rules prescribed by the State Board of Education.

Executive Functions

The Superintendent or designee shall serve as the chief executive officer of the Board. The Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to carry out Board decisions and to make and carry out any decisions, which it delegates. The Superintendent or designee shall be fully responsible for the proper use of this authority. The Board retains ultimate responsibility for the performance of any powers or duties delegated.

Judicial Functions

The Board believes that positive personnel and public relations rely upon the ability to hear and resolve grievances, complaints, and criticisms. The Board, convened, shall serve as a body of appeal for grievances, complaints, and criticisms in accordance with Board policies and negotiated employee agreements.

In addition, to other duties, the school board shall

1. Determine and disburse the total amount to be made available for compensation of all school employees and administrative officers;
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2. Provide for, during the school term of each year an educational program for each school age child who is enrolled in or a resident of the district;
 3. Withhold the salary for the last month of service of a teacher or administrator until the teacher or administrator has submitted all summaries, statistics, and reports that the school board may require by bylaws;
 4. Transmit, when required by the assembly or council, but not more often than once a month, a summary report and statement of money expended;
 5. Keep the minutes of meetings and a record of all proceedings of the School Board in a pertinent form;
 6. Keep the records and files of the school board open to inspection by the public at the principal administrative office of the district during reasonable business hours;
 7. Establish procedures for the review and selection of all textbooks and instructional materials, including textbooks and curriculum materials for statewide correspondence programs, before they are introduced into the school curriculum; the review includes a review for violations of AS 14.18.060; nothing in this paragraph precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using textbooks or curriculum materials not provided by the school district;
 8. Provide prospective employees with information relating to the availability and cost of housing in rural areas to which they might be assigned, and, when possible, assist them in locating housing; however, nothing in this paragraph requires a district to provide teacher housing, whether district owned, leased, rented, or through other means, nor does it require a school board to engage in a subsidy program of any kind regarding teacher housing;
 9. Train persons required to report under AS 47.17.020, in the recognition and reporting of child abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse of a minor;
 10. Provide for the development and implementation of a preventative maintenance program for school facilities; in this paragraph, “preventative maintenance” means scheduled maintenance actions that prevent the premature failure or extend the useful life of a facility, or a facility’s systems and components, and that are cost-effective on a life-cycle basis.
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Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.08.021 Authority (regional school boards)

14.08.041 Regional school boards

14.08.101 Powers (regional school boards)

14.08.111 Duties (regional school boards)

14.14.050 Annual audit

14.14.060 Relationship between borough school district and borough

14.14.090 Duties of school boards

14.14.130 Chief school administrator

14.18.060 Discrimination in textbooks and instructional materials prohibited

14.17.020 Persons required to report

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