

**BOARD OPERATIONAL GOALS**

The Board of Education is responsible to all the citizens for whose benefit the district has been established. The Board's decisions will influence the course of education in the district's schools for years to come. This responsibility requires a comprehensive perspective and long-range planning in addition to attention to immediate problems. It is incumbent upon the Board to look to the future when planning for the needs of the community.

The Board's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures which will provide students with a high-quality education. In addition, the Board is responsible for the wise management of district resources. The Board must fulfill these responsibilities by formulating and adopting policy, selecting a Superintendent of Schools to implement this policy, and by evaluating the results. The Board must carry out its functions openly, while seeking the involvement of the public, students, and staff in its decision-making processes.

In accordance with these principles, the Board shall seek to:

- concentrate the Board's collective effort on its policymaking and planning responsibilities;

- formulate Board policies which best serve the educational interests of each student; foster the efficient management of the schools and district resources. provide the Superintendent of Schools with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing Board policies;

- evaluate its own policies, procedures and actions as well as the effectiveness of policy implementation and the degree to which the educational goals of the district are achieved;

- maintain effective communication with the public the Board serves and with staff and students in order to maintain awareness of their attitudes, opinions, desires and ideas;

- conduct Board business openly, soliciting and encouraging involvement of the public, students and staff in the Board's decision making processes;

- improve their own capabilities, both as individuals and as a Board;

- employ a highly competent and dedicated school staff; and

- manage the school district in accordance with federal and State laws and Board policy.

*Priority Objectives of Board Operations*

The Board shall, prior to September first of each year, establish long-range and short-range goals based on its knowledge of the needs of the district, and prior to August first of the following year, evaluate these established goals and the progress made toward this achievement.