

# **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

POLICY: 002  
TITLE: AUTHORITY AND POWERS  
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## **002. AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

### Section 1. Authority

The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate and maintain the public schools of the School District of Lebanon is vested in the Board of School Directors which is a body corporate and which is constituted and governed by Title 24, the "Public School Code of 1949", of the Pennsylvania statutes and Article III of the Constitution and applicable federal and state laws and regulations<sup>1</sup>.

### Section 2. Powers

The Board shall establish such schools as are required for the education of every person residing in the Lebanon School District between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years who may attend such schools; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain such schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and deportment of employees and students; and shall levy and collect such taxes as may be necessary, in addition to the annual State appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers<sup>2</sup>.

The Board in accordance with its statutory mandate, shall adopt Board procedures for its own operation and policies for the guidance of the Superintendent in the operation of the school district. Board procedures and policies shall be consistent with law, have a rational and substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose of the Board, and be directed towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this district.

The Board shall act as the general agent of the people of this district in the manner of public education. It shall establish educational goals for the children of this district and govern a program of education designed to

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<sup>1</sup> SC 211, 301, 501, 507, 510

<sup>2</sup> SC 211, 406, 407, 501, 502, 503, 507, 510, 511, 803, 1411

meet those goals. The Board shall be responsible for enforcing mandatory laws and regulations. The Board shall be the agent responsible for establishing, maintaining and evaluating the public education activities of this school district in accordance with law<sup>3</sup>.

From time to time, on the recommendation of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the Board may appoint, retain, or employ persons for consulting or other professional services to the school system. Consulting services may be either on a per diem or contractual basis. Consultants shall have no administrative authority over any facet of the district schools, but shall act solely as advisors to the Board and its officers and employees. Such services may be provided from professions other than education as well as from within the educational profession<sup>4</sup>.

The powers of the Board of School Directors are not vested in the individual school director. No such individual is authorized to act on behalf of the Board to carry out any of the Board's statutorily authorized powers, except for those acts stated in law<sup>5</sup>.

### **Duties**

The duties of the Board shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Appoint the chief executive officer for the school system.
2. Adopt the annual financial budget prepared by the Superintendent or his/her designee and other administrative personnel.
3. Determine salary schedules for instructional and non-instructional personnel, in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements.
4. Consider and act upon recommendations of the Superintendent or his/her designee and the administrative staff.
5. Act upon recommendations of the Superintendent or his/her designee concerning appointment of teachers, principals, directors, supervisors, etc., of instruction.
6. Prescribe the duties and responsibilities to be performed by all instructional and non-instructional employees.
7. Require and discuss reports of the Superintendent or his/her designee concerning the progress of the schools.

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<sup>3</sup> SC 426, 427, 508

<sup>4</sup> SC 211, 301, 406, 407, 426, 427, 501, 502, 503, 507, 508, 510, 511, 803, 1411

<sup>5</sup> Pa. Const. Art. 111, Sec. 14

8. Estimate and levy taxes for the operation of the school system, in accordance with duly authorized laws.
9. Approve the list of invoices for current monthly expenditures previously authorized by the Superintendent or his/her designee and administrative staff.
10. Review the rules and regulations for the operation of the school system, upon consultation with the Superintendent or his/her designee and administrative staff.
11. Adopt textbooks and electronic resources/media recommended by the Superintendent or his/her designee, in accordance with law.
12. Approve courses of study recommended by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
13. Select architects and act upon all plans for new building projects submitted by them.
14. Inform the citizens of the present and future needs of the school district, on a continuing basis.
15. Represent the citizens regarding all educational matters and concerns of the school district.
16. Hear and consider oral and written communications from citizens and/or organizations on matters of school district policy.
17. Approve all contractual items.
18. Assume all duties and responsibilities stated in the School Code