Policy 204 – School Board Job Description

The school board serves, leads and represents the District 623 community by determining and demanding appropriate and excellent organizational performance in order to accomplish the highest levels of achievement for all students.

In performing its unique governing role, the school board will:

1. Utilize appropriate strategies to ensure input from students, staff, parents/caregivers, and the community.

2. Strive for board meetings that are fair, open, thorough, productive, efficient and orderly.

3. Adopt a strategic plan and policies that will guide the organization and oversee and ensure execution of the strategic plan and compliance with policies.

4. Advocate for District 623, the community, and public education.

5. Develop and follow written governing policies that, at the broadest levels, address:
   a. Organizational impacts, benefits and end results for specified recipients;
   b. Practical, ethical, and legal boundaries within which district activity and decision-making will take place;
   c. How the school board will conceive, perform and monitor its own work;
   d. How authority is delegated to the superintendent and the process for monitoring organizational and superintendent performance.

6. Employ, supervise and evaluate the superintendent.

7. Evaluate board performance annually.

8. Fulfill its fiduciary responsibility by, among other things, adopting an annual budget, monitoring performance against budget and appointing an independent auditor to conduct an annual external review and report directly to the board.

9. Seek to understand important issues facing District 623 and provide consultative feedback to the superintendent and staff as appropriate.

10. Perform other duties as defined by state statute.

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