

# FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE - **BOARD POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

POLICY - **BBA**

Cross Reference -

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The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board are defined in the Public Schools Act. Some sections of the act state or imply that a Division Board has full power to operate the local public schools within the Division's jurisdiction as will be deemed fit in compliance with provincial mandates and pertinent laws.

The Board, functioning within the framework of the Public Schools Act of Manitoba, will fulfill its mission as the governing body of the Division by acting in the execution of its duties as follows:

## **Legislative and Policy Making**

The Board is responsible for the development of policy as guides for administrative action, including policies whereby the administrative officers may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business.

The Board employs all staff members and is responsible for employing a Superintendent to implement its policies.

The Board prescribes the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvement of the school system.

The Board requires the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods, and the procedures considered essential to the efficient conduct of school business.

The Board also has powers as set out in the Public Schools Act to enact through by-laws:

- 1) Changes in wards; and
- 2) Changes in the number of trustees.

## **Appraisal**

The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. The Board, through the Superintendent of Schools, evaluates the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purpose of the school system.

### **Provision of Financial Resources**

The Board approves the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, and payment of obligations, which provides the resources in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment, and enables the Board to carry out the Board policies.

Obligations include estimating and seeking to provide funds for the operation, support, maintenance, improvement, and extension of the school system; as well as providing for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, maintenance, use, and disposition of physical plans of the school system.

### **Public Relations**

The Board is responsible for providing an adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools, and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.

### **Planning and Evaluation**

The Board adopts courses of study as recommended by the Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth, or the Superintendent, and provides instructional aids.

The Board is responsible for establishing educational goals that will guide both the Board and the staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the educational program.

The Board is also responsible for providing for the ongoing evaluation of the School Division program based on goals and objectives set forth by the Board.

