



## Turtle River School Division

### BOARD POLICY #3 Role of the Board

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The Board will ensure that its stated vision, mission and values, tempered by the economic resource capacities under its jurisdiction, are reflected within the actions of the Division.

#### **Board Member Authority**

Because all powers of the Board lie in its action as a group, individual Board members exercise their authority over division affairs only as they vote to take action at a legal meeting of the Board. In all other instances, an individual Board member, including the chair-person, shall have power only when the Board, by policy or resolution, has delegated authority to them.

#### **Areas of Responsibility:**

##### **Educational Accountability**

The Board is responsible for setting the educational goals of the Division and for reviewing how well students learn. The goals for educational excellence shall grow out of the Division's Mission statement and may include individual goals for specific administrators and schools.

##### **Fiscal Responsibility**

- The Board approves the annual budget and establishes the local property tax levy.
- The Board appoints the auditor for the School Division.
- The Board receives the audit report and ensures that quality indicators are in place.
- The Board ratifies and ensures the administration of collective agreements with any locally bargained employee groups.
- The Board approves all individual contracts.
- The Board approves the Division's annual five-year capital plan for submission to the Province's Public Schools Finance Board.

##### **Community Leadership**

- The Board is visible within the communities it serves.
- The Board makes decisions that reflect the values and anticipated educational needs of the communities within the Division.

- Board members show their support of school and divisional activities through attendance at division and school public events.

### **Accountability to the Provincial Government**

The Board is responsible for adherence to all governing legislation, regulations and directives.

### **Accountability to the Community**

- The Board is responsible for providing the opportunity for communities to be appropriately involved in schools.
- The Board reports division results to the community, as mandated by the provincial government.
- The Board encourages the involvement of parents and guardians in the education of their children and responds appropriately to their concerns.
- The Board develops, maintains, and communicates appeal procedures regarding decisions of Administration.
- Board members actively engage with community organizations and agencies that can contribute towards building support for public education.
- The Board approves the annual school calendar and length of the school day.
- The Board grants final approval for the acquisition or construction of division-owned facilities irrespective of resources made available by the Province.
- The Board retains adequate insurance to protect the assets of the division.

### **Appointment of Senior Administration**

The Board appoints the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, determines their remuneration, and defines their duties.

### **Board Succession Planning**

The Board ensures that new trustees receive an orientation to their role within the division and provides the opportunity for new trustees to attend orientation programs delivered by the Manitoba School Boards Association.

### **Board Education and Evaluation**

All board members participate in training and educational opportunities that enhance Board and trustee development.

The Board annually evaluates board effectiveness through monitoring of goals, policies and board operations. Evaluation includes processes and tools that evaluate the board as a team as well as self-evaluation of individual trustees.