

The Board shall have the following powers or duties:

- Develop educational policies for the School District;
- Employ a superintendent for the School District and fix the salary;
- Review and approve the School District budget;
- Have the capacity to sue and be sued;
- Acquire property by eminent domain pursuant to the procedures provided in the Eminent Domain Code [42A-1-1 to 42A-1-33 NMSA 1978];
- Issue general obligation bonds of the School District;
- Provide for the repair and maintain all property belonging to the School District;
- For good cause and upon order of the district court, subpoena witnesses and documents in connection with a hearing concerning any powers or duties of the local school boards;
- Except for expenditures for salaries, contract for the expenditure of money according to the provisions of the Procurement Code [13-1-28 NMSA1978];
- Adopt rules pertaining to the administration of all powers or duties of the Local School Board;
- Accept or reject any charitable gift, grant, devise or bequest. The particular gift, grant, devise or bequest accepted shall be considered an asset of the School District or the public school to which it is given; and
- Offer and, upon compliance with the conditions of such offer, pay rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction or other appropriate disciplinary disposition by the courts or juvenile authorities of offenders in case of theft, defacement or destruction of School District property. All such rewards shall be paid from School District funds in accordance with rules promulgated by the Secretary of Public Education.
- Give prior approval for any educational program in a public school in the school district that is to be conducted, sponsored, carried on or caused to be carried on by a private organization or agency.

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- Approve and support the District's Five-year Strategic Plan;
- Employ and evaluate the Local Superintendent on an annual basis
- Participate in a planned program of training which will assist in the performance of specified duties. All Local School Board members must receive a total of five (5) hours of annual training.
  - For newly elected or appointed Local School Board members who are in office for less than a year, they shall receive three (3) of the five (5) hours from attending a training course developed by the PED and sponsored by the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA). This course shall be offered no later than three (3) months after the local school board election. The PED will periodically announce the dates of these courses which will cover numerous topics including PED policies and procedures, statutory powers and duties of local boards, legal concepts pertaining to public schools, finance and budget. For the additional two (2) hours of annual training for these new board members, these board members shall attend sessions sponsored by the NMSBA, approved by the PED.
  - For all existing local school board members, they shall attend five (5) hours of annual training sponsored by the NMSBA, approved by the PED.
  - ⊖ In order to be credited with attendance at these courses, each attendee must comply with written attendance procedures established by the PED.
- Delegate administrative and supervisory functions to the Local Superintendent;
- Refrain from involvement in delegated administrative functions;
- Review, revise as needed, and submit policies to PED on an annual basis;
- Ensure that District funds are appropriately managed and disbursed;
- Be responsible for oversight of revenue and expenditures with the District budget;

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LEGAL REF. 22-5-4 NMSA (1978)  
22.5.13 NMSA (1978)  
22-10-3.1 NMSA (1978)  
6.29.1 NMAC (1978)

CROSS REF. 103 Board Member Authority and Responsibilities  
128 Board-Superintendent Relationships