

The School Board of the School District of Altoona is comprised of five (5) school board members. Board members are public officials who are elected or appointed to office as provided under state law.

The purpose of the Board, on behalf of the citizens of the District, is to ensure that the District provides the best educational opportunities to maximize the achievement of students of the District at a cost that reflects the resources available. Policies shall serve to indicate the manner in which the board or those delegated by the board shall act in situations that may or may not be explicitly established by the law.

The Board will create policies by which the District will be governed, that reflect prudence and wisdom, avoid unacceptable actions and situations, and will align board and administrative actions with those policies.

Consequently, the Board shall:

- Govern rather than manage the operations of the school district by establishing policies that express and interpret the educational vision and values of the Altoona community.
 - Make decisions as a collective body. Individual board members have no authority to act for the school district or to direct staff.
 - Advocate for the education of all Altoona students and ensure the system reflects the values of the community.
- Direct and monitor the school district through policies which:
 - Articulate the expected outcomes for the school district's performance.
 - Establish processes by which the Board will conduct its business.
 - Describe the relationship of the Board with the District staff.
 - Set parameters for administrative and staff action.
- Monitor compliance with policy, using:
 - Internal Reports: Reports authorized by the superintendent.
 - External Reports: Reports from outside individuals or agencies.

- Direct Inspection: Direct observation, by the Board, a committee, or appointed individual board member.
- Use the results of monitoring to improve performance by:
 - Reviewing existing policies and goals.
 - Revising existing policies and goals.
 - Creating new policies and goals.
- Create partnerships with other agencies to foster effective and efficient delivery of education and other services to the citizens of the district.
- Comply with other responsibilities as legally required.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin State Statute Sections 115, 118, 120

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