



SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL GOALS
(SCHOOL GOVERNANCE and BY LAWS)

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1. The Committee is responsible to the people, for whose benefit the school district has been established. Further, the Committee's current decisions will influence the course of education in the district's schools for years to come. The Committee and each of its members must look to the future and to the needs of all people more than the average citizen finds necessary. This requires a comprehensive perspective and long-range planning in addition to immediate problems.
2. The Committee's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures, which will best produce the educational achievement needed by district students. It is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of resources available to the school district. The Committee must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body to formulate and adopt policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and evaluating the results. Further, it must carry out its functions openly, while seeking the involvement and contributions of the public, students, and staff in its decision-making processes.
3. In accordance with these principles, the Committee shall seek to achieve the following goals:
 - Establish practical and simple goals, and conduct periodic review of performance against these goals.
 - To concentrate the Committee's collective effort on its policy making and planning responsibilities.
 - To formulate Committee policies, which best serve the educational interests of each student.
 - To provide the Superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementing Committee policies.
 - To maintain effective communication with the public the Committee serves and with staff and students in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas.
 - To conduct Committee business openly, soliciting and encouraging broad-based involvement in the Committee's decision making process by public, students, and staff.

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