

BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP

The Fairview Board of Education believes that the legislation of policies is the most important function of a school board and that the execution of the policies should be the function of the superintendent.

Delegation by the board of its executive powers to the superintendent provides freedom for the superintendent to manage the schools within the board's policies and frees the board to devote its time to policy making and other governance functions.

The board holds the superintendent responsible for the administration of its policies, the execution of board decisions, the operation of the internal machinery designed to serve the school program, and for keeping the board informed about school operations and problems.

The board as a whole, as individual members, shall:

1. Give the superintendent full administrative authority for properly discharging his or her professional duties, holding him or her responsible for acceptable results.
2. Act only, except under extraordinary circumstances, upon the recommendation of the superintendent in matters of school personnel.
3. Hold all meetings of the board in the presence of the superintendent except when the superintendent's contract and salary are under consideration.
4. Refer all complaints to the superintendent and discuss them only at a regular meeting after failure of administrative solution.
5. Strive to provide adequate safeguards around the superintendent and other staff members.
6. Present personal criticisms of any employee directly to the superintendent.