

# The Pickens County Board of Education Board Policy Manual

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# SECTION A

## SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

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POLICY STATEMENT

Descriptor Term: School Board Legal Status	Descriptor Code: AA
Legal Reference:	Passage Date: 7-8-74
	Amendment Date:

The general administration and supervision of the public schools of the County are vested in the County Board of Education. All county school boards are unique institutions in that their powers are broad and limited only by state and/or local laws.

School laws impose or imply varied duties and powers to the County Board. In general, these duties and powers are to prescribe reasonable methods for raising funds; to employ, supervise, consolidate, build, insure, transfer and transport children; and to provide a uniform and effective system of public schools throughout the county.

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Descriptor Term: Responsibility for Transportation	Descriptor Code: AB
Legal Reference:	Passage Date: 7-8-74
	Amendment Date:

Subject to recommendations and advice from the County Superintendent of Education, the County Board of Education has final authority in all matters pertaining to school transportation. The Board assumes full responsibility for the policies and regulations governing the operation of the transportation system.

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Descriptor Term: Powers and Duties of Board	Descriptor Code: ABB,
Legal Reference:	Passage Date: 7-8-74
	Amendment Date:

In determining the educational program of the county system, the Board will formulate aims, objectives, and goals in cooperation with professional employees of the Board and interested citizens under its jurisdiction. In achieving these goals the County Board will determine, with and on the advice of the county superintendent of education, the educational policy of the county and will prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the schools. The County Board of Education will exercise through its executive officer, the County Superintendent of Education, and his professional assistants, the control and supervision of the public school system of the county.

The County Board of Education will periodically review and examine the extent to which worthwhile objectives and goals are attained and, if necessary, will prescribe additional methods or measures in order to reach these goals.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Descriptor Term: Qualification of Board Members	Descriptor Code: ABC
Legal Reference: 16-8-1	Passage Date: 7-8-74
	Amendment Date:

The Board of Education is composed of five members elected from the various school districts of the county by the qualified voters of the county. They will be of good moral character with at least an elementary education; of good standing in their respective communities; and known for their honesty, business ability, public spirit and interest in the good of public education. No member of the County Board will be an employee of the Board. The Board will elect a chairman as mandated by state law.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Descriptor Term: Terms of Office (Board Members)	Descriptor Code: ABCC
Legal Reference: 16-8-1 16-8-5	Passage Date: 7-8-74
	Amendment Date: 5-12-81

The term of office shall be for six (6) years. Compensation for Board members will be determined prior to taking office in compliance to the state law and mileage will be reimbursed at the prevailing state rate. Actual expense reimbursement for out of county meetings will be determined by the Board. Vacancies on the Board will be filled by appointment by the majority of the remaining members of the Board.

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Descriptor Term: Board Member Training	Descriptor Code: ABCCD Alabama Act No. 2009-297
Legal Reference:	Passage Date: 2-16-10
	Amendment Date: 3/10/10

General

The Pickens County Board of Education members will pursue ongoing training to develop and enhance their knowledge and effectiveness as Board members and to improve Board governance and operations. Training will include participation in:

- a. Orientation for newly elected or appointed school board members;
- b. Training or consulting workshop for the local Board as a whole;
- c. State or national school board association event addressing Board governance or operation, or other Board member development opportunities relating to leadership development, Board governance, or Board operations.

Source of Training and Report – The board recommends the requirements of this policy be satisfied by participation in training provided by the Alabama Association of School Boards or other sources considered knowledgeable in school board governance and leadership and approved by the Board. Board members will provide a report to the Board about training experiences at the next available Board meeting.

Board Self Evaluation – The board will conduct an annual evaluation that includes development of a list of recommended improvements in knowledge and skills of Board members.



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Descriptor Term: Uniform School Day	Descriptor Code: AF
Legal Reference:	Passage Date: 9-19-82
	Amendment Date:

The Board of Education supports the concept of a uniform school day in order to insure an equal educational opportunity for all students enrolled in the schools under its jurisdiction.

The Superintendent, in conjunction with the principals and other staff members, shall establish a uniform school day that is consistent with State Board and accreditation requirements. The Superintendent shall make an annual report to the Board of Education.

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Descriptor Term: Naming of Schools	Descriptor Code: AG
Legal Reference:	Passage Date: 11-15-99
	Amendment Date:

When a school is to be named, the Board will provide an opportunity for comments and recommendations from citizens, Board members, and school personnel.

The Board will consider requests from school and community groups to name a portion of a building, a single building on a campus with multiple buildings, or a specific area on the campus for a person, provided the proposed name has special significance and/or the person has made an outstanding contribution to the school or the school system. The group making the request must agree to provide appropriate recognition, such as plaque, portrait, or marker, for the school.

When the use of a school changes and it no longer houses a regular school program, the Board, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, will consider changing the name of the facility only if the proposed name has special significance and/or the person has made an outstanding contribution to the school or the school system.