

Decatur County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in July	Descriptor Term: School District – School Board Legal Status and Authority	Descriptor Code: 1.100	Issued Date: 07/13/17
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- 1 The legal basis for education in Tennessee is expressed in the state Constitution and state statutes, as
2 interpreted by the courts. Boards are instruments of the state, and members of the Board are state officers
3 representing local citizens and the state in the management of the public schools.¹
- 4 The governing body shall be the Board of Education, serving residents within the boundaries of the
5 school system and non-residents under conditions specified by state law and the Board.²
- 6 All powers of the Board lie in its action as a group; therefore, individual board members exercise their
7 authority over school system affairs only as they vote to take action at an official meeting of the Board.
- 8 In other instances, an individual board member, including the chairman, shall have power only when
9 specified by state law or when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him/her.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-1-101; TCA 49-1-102 (c); TCA 49-1-103
2. TCA 49-6-3104