

# Rutherford County Board of Education

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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 of-  
3 ficers representing local citizens and the state in the management of the public schools.<sup>1</sup>  
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5 The governing body shall be the Board of Education, serving residents within the boundaries of the  
6 school system and non-residents under conditions specified by state law and the Board.<sup>2</sup>  
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8 All powers of the Board lie in its action as a group; therefore, individual board members exercise their au-  
9 thority over school system affairs only as they vote to take action at an official meeting of the Board.  
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11 In other instances, an individual board member, including the chairman, shall have power only when  
12 specified by state law or when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him/her.  
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34 Legal References:

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