

Regulations and Policies of the Ashland School Board

A. Introduction

The School Board is responsible for establishing rules and policies, which shall be administered by the Superintendent and other school personnel.

Elections and Official Ballot

As an official Ballot Referenda school district, the board will follow the procedures as defined in RSA 40:13 for all voting on all issues.

1. The election to the Board shall be held according to state and local regulations in accordance with RSA 671:4 Board
 - a. Chairperson:
The chairperson shall preside at all meetings. The chairperson will have the right to vote on all matters before the Board. The chairperson will consult with the Superintendent or his/her designee on the preparation of the agenda for each meeting, shall have authority to sign contracts and other instruments as approved by the Board in its name and on its behalf, and shall have such other powers and duties as the Board may from time to time determine.
 - b. Vice-Chairperson:
The Vice-Chairperson will have the powers and duties of the chairperson in his/her absence or for the duration of the disability, and such other powers and duties as the Board may from time to time determine.
 - c. Secretary:
The Secretary shall be responsible for Board correspondence when directed by the Chairperson. He/she is also responsible for polling board members when moving into non-public session.

B. Procedure

1. At the first regular meeting of the Board, after the March election, the Board shall elect by majority vote, a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary. Board officers will serve a one-year term, concluding at the reorganizational meeting the following year, at which time a new election of officers will occur. Officers will remain in their respective offices until new successors are elected. The Superintendent shall call this meeting to order and preside until the chairman is elected.
2. The Board shall set a school board meeting calendar.
3. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
4. The rules and policies of the Board may be amended by a majority vote of the Board. The proposed amendment is subject to adoption at a subsequent meeting.
5. The conduct of the meeting shall be in accordance with the usual rules of parliamentary practice.

The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board except that in his or her absence the vice-chairman shall preside, and in case both are absent, the secretary shall serve as chairman.

6. The order of business shall be mutually determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee and board chair or the chair's designee.
7. The secretary or the Board's designee shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board.
8. The Board shall act as a unit and has no legal authority except when in a Board meeting. The decisions of the Board shall be binding until rescinded by the Board.
9. The responsibility of the Board shall be to make all policy decisions regarding the general operation of the schools, such as:
 - a. preparation of school calendar;
 - b. transportation of pupils;
 - c. dismissal of pupils from school (RSA 193:13 Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils);
 - d. adoption of programs of studies;
 - e. dismissal of personnel for cause, according to law and personnel policies;
 - f. authorization of purchase of supplies, equipment and other budgetary items;
 - g. submission of reports, records, and census to the State Office of Education;
 - h. selection of professional, para-professional, and non-professional employees;
 - i. preparation of the warrant and the posting of the same, for the Annual School District Meeting;
 - j. operation of the schools in accordance with the laws of the State and the regulations of the State Department of Education.

Legal Reference:

RSA 40:13, Optional Form of Meeting-Official Ballot Referenda

RSA 671:4 Board

RSA 193:13 Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils

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