

# **POLICY BBA**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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### **BOARD POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The Board of Education is committed to fully understanding and complying with the functions of the Board, in accordance with state statute and the Public Education Department's standards of excellence.

#### **II. POSITION**

A. In accordance with New Mexico State Statutes, the following are functions of the local Board of Education (22-5-4 NMSA 1978):

1. Subject to the rules of the Public Education Department, develop educational policies for the school district;
2. Employ a local Superintendent for the school district and fix his/her salary;
3. Review and approve the school district budget;
4. Acquire and dispose of property;
5. Have the capacity to sue and be sued;
6. Acquire property by eminent domain pursuant to the procedures provided in the Eminent Domain Code (42A-1-1 to 42A-1-33 NMSA 1978);
7. Issue general obligation bonds of the school district;
8. Provide for the repair of and maintain all property belonging to the school district;
9. For good cause and upon order of the district court, subpoena witnesses and documents in connection with a hearing concerning any powers or duties of the local school board;
10. Except for expenditures for salaries, contract for the expenditure of money according to the provisions of the Procurement Code [13-1-28 NMSA 1978];

11. Adopt rules pertaining to the administration of all powers or duties of the local School Board;
  12. Accept or reject any charitable gift, grant, devise or bequest. The particular gift, grant, devise or bequest accepted shall be considered an asset of the school district or the public school to which it is given; and
  13. Offer and, upon compliance with the conditions of such offer, pay rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction (or other appropriate disciplinary disposition by the courts or juvenile authorities) of offenders in case of theft, defacement or destruction of local school district property. All such rewards will be paid from school district funds in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Public Education Department.
- B. In accordance with Public Education Department Standards for Excellent 6.30.2.10, the local Board of Education shall:
1. Approve and support the School District's Educational Plan for Student Success and each school site-level EPSS action plan;
  2. Employ and evaluate the Superintendent on an annual basis in accordance with Section 22-10-3-1 NMSA 1978;
  3. Ensure that each member of the Board participates in a planned program of training which will assist in the performance of specific duties;
  4. Delegate administrative and supervisory functions to the Superintendent;
  5. Refrain from involvement in delegated administrative functions;
  6. Review, revise as needed and submit policies to the Public Education Department on an annual basis;
  7. Award diplomas to students who have successfully completed graduation requirements;
  8. Ensure alignment of district curricula with Public Education Department Content Standards and Benchmarks;
  9. Ensure that district funds are appropriately managed and disbursed;
  10. Be responsible for oversight of revenue and expenditure within the district budget; and

11. Accept responsibility for ensuring the success of each school in the district.

C. The local Board of Education shall also:

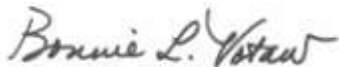
1. Set and publish Board educational goals for the school district;
2. Ensure adopted Board policies are available to employees and patrons of the school district;
3. Publish annually in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district an accountability report of the school district (22-2C-11 NMSA 1978); and
4. Adopt an annual resolution specifying what notice of Board meetings shall be given to the public, and conduct all Board meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. (10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978.

### **III. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

*History:* Formerly Policy 105, Reviewed 11.18.03

*Legal Reference:* (22-5-4 NMSA 1978; 42A-1-1 to 42A-1-33 NMSA 1978); 13-1-28 NMSA 1978; 22-10-3-1 NMSA 1978; 22-2C-11 NMSA 1978; (10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978



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*Board of Education, President*

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*Date Approved*