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BOARD BYLAWS
ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD

PURPOSE: To specify the role and major responsibilities of the Board.

A. Official Name of the Board

The Board shall be known officially as "The Board of Clovis Unified School District" in the County of Fresno.

The Board is established by and derives its authority from the Constitution and laws of the State of California and other applicable laws.

B. Number of Board Members and Trustee Area

The Board shall consist of seven members. Each member of the Board must reside within the trustee area which he/she represents.

Each trustee area is outlined in Exhibit No. 9000.

C. Authority of the Board

The Board possesses all the usual powers of a public school district duly organized under the laws of the State of California, and in that name may sue and be sued; purchase, hold and sell personal and real property; and enter into such obligations and exercise such powers as authorized by law.

The Board may initiate and carry on any program or activity or may otherwise act in any manner that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by any law and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which school districts are established. (Education Code 35160)

D. Responsibilities and Duties of the Board

The Board's major duties and responsibilities shall include:

1. Establish board policies and bylaws, and work with the Superintendent to implement procedures for policy and bylaw adoption, revision, and review.

2. Oversee District operations to assure policy implementation and maintenance.

3. Employ and evaluate the Superintendent, who shall be the chief executive and secretary to the Board.

4. Adopt an annual budget, authorize District expenditures, establish salary schedules, and approve capital investments.

5. Establish academic expectations and adopt the curriculum and instructional materials.

6. Serve, where required by law or board policy, as the final appeal for formal complaints from the public, staff, or students.

7. Delegate such duties as may be appropriate to the Superintendent.

8. Define the mission for the District and establish priorities for District programs, services, and activities.

9. Employ all personnel upon the consideration of the Superintendent's recommendation.

10. Make continuous efforts to acquaint themselves with matters pertaining to education and to the duties and responsibilities of their offices.

11. Reserve judgment on all matters until hearing the Superintendent's recommendation and discussing the matter with other members of the Board in a duly authorized meeting.

12. Abide by and uphold the adopted policies of the Board whether that individual board member voted for the adoption or not.

13. During Board meetings and out of meetings, not make statements that would be interpreted as having Board approval.

14. Encouraged to visit schools and attend school functions but must not speak or act in an official capacity unless authorized by the Board.

15. Not unlawfully disclose items discussed in closed sessions and keep all such discussion confidential.

16. Respect the Superintendent and staff by informing them whenever possible of matters of concern prior to Board meetings.

16. Respect the opinion of other Board members, the staff, and community members.

17. Treat other Board members, the staff, and community members with dignity and respect.

18. Direct questions about agenda items to the Superintendent or appropriate staff member prior to a Board meeting when possible.

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19. Discuss any concerns regarding the Superintendent or a staff member with the Superintendent as soon as possible.

20. Direct any request by Board members for reports or study to the Superintendent.

21. Refer any complaints made to a Board member to the Superintendent.

22. Exchange ideas freely and clearly and avoid internal conflicts that block progress.

Board members should understand and support the lines of authority and the assignment of all responsibilities.

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