

ULSTER COUNTY BOCES

School Board Powers and Duties

POLICY # 2110

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall act as the general agent of the State in carrying out the will of the people of its district responsible for carrying out certain mandatory laws, and shall consider and accept or reject the provisions of the permissive laws. In all cases where the state laws do not mandate or prohibit, the Board shall consider itself the agent responsible for establishing and appraising the educational activities. In general the Board shall be responsible for policymaking, with the advice of the Superintendent, and for the evaluation of these policies. Complete and final authority on all district education matters, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the Board.

The duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. to appoint a District Superintendent of Schools and, in its discretion, provide for the payment of supplementary salary to District Superintendent of Schools by the BOCES;
2. to prepare the tentative budget of expenditures for the Supervisory District program including office and administrative expenses, traveling expense and salaries of teachers, supervisors and all other administrative personnel necessary to carry out its program. Such budget shall also contain the amount of supplementary salary, if any, which the Board determines should be paid to the District Superintendent of Schools. The tentative budget of the BOCES shall be available for inspection by the boards of education and school trustees at the annual meeting;
3. to adopt a budget which, after applicable state aid has been deducted, shall be charged against all of the component school districts in the Supervisory District. However, those districts that do not elect to participate in the services are not required to pay for the program portion of the BOCES budget. All school districts in the Supervisory District must pay their share of the administrative portion of the total budget; and

4. to determine each component school district's proportionate share by dividing the total amount of such administrative expenses by the total weighted average daily attendance of pupils residing in all component school districts contained within the board of cooperative educational services and attending a public school and multiplying by the weighted average daily attendance of such resident pupils in each of the component school districts.

The component district's contribution to BOCES expenditures is derived from state aid and the component district's local tax levy.

Ref: Education Law 1950

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