

School Board--Powers and Duties**POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Dade County School Board, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, attorney general's opinions, and similar mandates or guides from the State and Federal levels of government, and recognizing the authority of the State Department of Education, accepts and exercises the powers vested in it as specified in Florida Statutes, Chapter 230.

Duties

Certain duties of board members are specified in the law as follows:

"The school board of each district shall represent the entire district. Each member of the school board shall serve as the representative of the entire district rather than as the representative of a school board member residence area." 230.11 F.S.

"Before entering upon the duties of office after being elected, or if appointed, within 10 days after receiving notice of appointment, each member of the school board shall take the prescribed oath of office." 230.12 F.S.

"Every school officer shall turn over to his or her successor or successors in office, on retiring, all books, papers, documents, records, funds, money, and property of whatever kind which the officer may have acquired, received, and held by virtue of his or her office and shall take full receipt for them from his or her successor and shall make in correct form all reports required by the state..." 228.111 F.S.

An individual member of the Board has no legal authority over school affairs, except through participation in Board meetings. He/she may, however, attempt to exercise his/her influence and persuasion within the community and within the Board membership. He/she has no legal right or power unilaterally to direct the course of school affairs or the actions of school personnel.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 228.111; 230.11; 230.12; 230.23 F.S.

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