

## **POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Powers**

The general functions of the board of education are the powers delegated to the board by the State Legislature. Included in those powers is the authority to perform all functions necessary to the administration of the school district as specified in the Oklahoma School Code and, additionally, the powers necessarily implied but not delegated by law to another agency or official. Primarily, the board determines policies and makes decisions necessary to implement an effective education program.

These policies and decisions are made according to state and federal laws, State Board regulations, court decisions and negotiated agreements with employee bargaining units.

General functions of the school are the school program, financial control, school plant, community relations and personnel.

### **Responsibilities**

As the elected body responsible for the operation of the school district, the board has the task of carrying out the state's responsibility for the children's education in the local district. School laws enumerate the powers and duties of the board. The board has broad authority to establish school policies and may do many things in order to provide an education for the children it serves, even without specific statutory authority, if the power can be fairly implied from statute and is essential to the declared objectives and purposes of the school district.

### **Staff Relationship**

The board shall transact official business with professional staff members and other school employees only through the superintendent.

Reference: Standards for Accreditation of Elementary, Middle, Secondary, and Area Vocational and Technical Level Schools, 1964, State Department of Education. p.19 HB 2785, 1998 Legislative Session.