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SUBJECT: POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

The Board of Education is the governing body of the school district. The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of developing, adopting, reviewing and suspending policies under which the district is managed. A policy manual shall be maintained by the Board.

The Board of Education shall have powers and duties as set forth in New York State Education Law, principally Articles 35 and 37, and other applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. In general, the Board shall have in all respects the superintendence, management and control of the educational affairs of the District and shall have all the powers necessary to exercise these powers expressly granted to it by the laws of New York State and the Commissioner of Education.

Complete and final authority on all district educational matters, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the Board. The Board may also enter into contracts and agreements in conformity with state law.

Duties and obligations of a Board member may be enumerated as follows:

- a) Familiarize self with the state education laws, regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Massena Central School District policies, rules, and regulations.
- b) Have an understanding of educational aims and objectives of the District.
- c) Work harmoniously with other Board members without trying either to dominate the Board or to neglect own share of work.
- d) Vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the District.
- e) Accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give support to the resulting policy.
- f) Represent the Board and the Massena Central Schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
- g) Refer complaints to the proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action.
- h) Notify the Board president should he/she be unable to continue Board duties due to illness or job relocation.

Education Law Sections 1604, 1709 and 1804

Indemnification

The District will provide legal defense for School Board officers being sued for events arising from the individual's performance of duties, provided the officer was, at the time of the incident, acting in the discharge of his/her duties within the scope of his/her authority as a Board member.

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Education Law Sections 3023, 3028 and 3811

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