

Board Responsibilities and Duties

Responsibilities

1. The Board is authorized to transact all business coming within the jurisdiction of the district.
2. The Board may sue.
3. The Board may adopt rules as it considers necessary to carry out its duties.
4. The Board, with certain exceptions, is subject to the Local Budget Law.
5. The Board shall hire the ESD Superintendent; the Superintendent shall be responsible for hiring other employees. The Board confirms/approves the employment by High Desert ESD of new employees hired by the Superintendent.
6. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of personnel as it considers necessary for carrying out duties of the Board.
7. The Board, in carrying out its duties, may:
 - a. Locate, buy, accept by gift, rent, lease or sublease real property, personal property, buildings and facilities as may be required for district purposes. Leases authorized by this section may be for a term of up to 30 years and include lease-purchase agreements where under the district may acquire ownership of the leased property;
 - b. Acquire personal property by a lease-purchase agreement or contract of purchase for a term exceeding one year.
 - c. Lease district property to individuals or entities, sell, or otherwise convey property of the district that the Board considers unnecessary to its purposes;
 - d. Purchase relocatable structures in installment transactions in which deferred installments of the purchase price are payable over not more than 10 years from the date of delivery of the property to the district and are secured by a security interest in such property. Such transactions may take the form of, but are not limited to, lease-purchase agreements.
 - e. Borrow monies or otherwise incur indebtedness, as necessary for District purposes and not in contravention of local, state, or federal law.
 - f. Provide space for the offices of other education, employment training and human service providers.
 - g. Contract with public and private entities for service delivery and facilities. Services and facilities may be provided by agreement or on a reimbursable basis.
8. The Board may accept money or property donated for the use or benefit of the District and use such money or property for the purpose for which it was donated. Receipt of such gifts shall not bind the Board in any way deemed inconsistent with the public interest or with the mission, goals and policies established by the Board.
9. The ESD shall work cooperatively with component school districts, review periodically with component school districts the operations of component school districts and shall submit to the component school districts recommended plans for operation that achieve economies through consolidation of various operations of all or some of the districts. "Operations" means services involving transportation, payroll, education records, auditing, legal services, insurance, printing, investment and other similar services. Provide other administrative or technical services or support as permitted by Oregon law.

Duties

1. The Board shall perform all duties required by law, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Distribution of such school funds as it is empowered to apportion;
 - b. Conduct of audits;
 - c. Budget and tax levying duties;
 - d. Curriculum improvement pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes;
 - e. Special education programs pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes;
 - f. Contracting a bonded indebtedness in the manner that school districts are authorized to issue bonds pursuant to ORS 328.205 - 328.304 and other laws applicable to the issuance of bonds by school districts;
 - g. Borrow monies and otherwise incur indebtedness and liabilities;
 - h. Periodic reviews of component district operations.

2. In addition to the duties required by the law, in cooperation with the component districts, the education service district Board may:
 - a. Plan for the provision and the delivery of education;
 - b. Provide staff development;
 - c. Conduct assessment, evaluation and research;
 - d. Plan and provide for new learning environments;
 - e. Plan and provide for educational communication and distribution services, including telecommunication;
 - f. Collaborate in jointly planning for delivery of health care, employment training and social services in the region.

3. The Board shall perform such other duties as are permitted by law and deemed to be in the public interest including, but not limited to, service as a local contract review Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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| ORS 192.630 | OAR 581-024-0205 |
| ORS 243.656 | OAR 581-024-0206 |
| ORS 279 et seq. | OAR 581-024-0208 |
| ORS 280.060 | OAR 581-024-0210 |
| ORS 294.305 - 294.565 | OAR 581-024-0226 |
| ORS 328.205 - 328.304 | OAR 581-024-0228 |
| ORS 330.090 - 330.310 | OAR 581-024-0235 |
| ORS 334.005 | OAR 581-024-0265 |
| ORS 334.125 | OAR 581-024-0280 |
| ORS 334.145 | |
| ORS 334.175 | |
| ORS 334.185 | |
| ORS 334.215 | |
| ORS 334.225 | |
| ORS 334.240 | |
| ORS 339 et seq. | |
| ORS 342.905 | |
| ORS 343 et seq. | |