## **Windham School District**

BB

Includes: BBA, BBA-R, BBAA
SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS / DUTIES / AUTHORITY

## Legal Status

State law provides that public schools will be operated and maintained by local school boards. The School Board is an agent of the State and derives its authority from the New Hampshire Constitution, New Hampshire Statutes, and Rules of the State Board of Education which specify all the powers and duties prescribed to school boards.

As agents of the state, School Boards have a duty to implement laws pertaining to public education and to carry out the rules of the State Board of Education.

## Duties

The board's Duties are defined in Part Ed 303 DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARD.

## **Authority**

All powers of the School Board lie in its action as a corporate body - individual board members have no authority over District affairs. An individual board member, including the chairperson, has power only when the Board has delegated authority to him or her.

No legal action can be taken except at a duly warned meeting of the Board and by a quorum acting as a unit.

The decisions of the Board shall be binding until rescinded by the Board at a duly called regular or special meeting.

**Legal References:** RSA 189:1, 189:1a, 194:1-3, 186:5, 197:1, 671:4, N.H. Code of Administrative Rules-Section ED.303

Windham School Board	Policy Code: BB
Revised: July, 1998 Revised: November 2015	