

# **Fresno Unified Board Bylaw (BB) 9000**

## **Role of The Board**

The Governing Board is elected by the community to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the district's schools. The Board shall work with the Superintendent to fulfill its major roles, which include:

1. Setting the direction for the district through a process that involves the community, parents/guardians, students, and staff and is focused on student learning and achievement
2. Establishing an effective and efficient organizational structure for the district by:
  - a. Employing the Superintendent and setting policy for hiring of other personnel
  - b. Overseeing the development and adoption of policies
  - c. Establishing academic expectations and adopting the curriculum and instructional materials
  - d. Establishing budget priorities and adopting the budget
  - e. Providing safe, adequate facilities that support the district's instructional program
  - f. Setting parameters for negotiations with employee organizations and ratifying collective bargaining agreements
3. Providing support to the Superintendent and staff as they carry out the Board's direction by:
  - a. Establishing and adhering to standards of responsible governance
  - b. Making decisions and providing resources that support district priorities and goals
  - c. Upholding Board policies
  - d. Being knowledgeable about district programs and efforts in order to serve as effective spokespersons
3. Ensuring accountability to the public for the performance of the district's schools by Evaluating the Superintendent and setting policy for the evaluation of other personnel
  - a. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of policies
  - b. Serving as a judicial (hearing) and appeals body in accordance with law, Board policies, and negotiated agreements
  - c. Monitoring student achievement and program effectiveness and requiring program changes as necessary
  - d. Monitoring and adjusting district finances
  - e. Monitoring the collective bargaining process
4. Providing community leadership and advocacy on behalf of students, the district's educational program, and public education in order to build support at the local, state and national levels

The Board is authorized to establish and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law. (Education Code 35160)

*Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age (40 and above), religious creed, religion, political belief or affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, childbirth, breastfeeding/lactation status, medical condition, military and veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

5304 Duties of governing board (re school district elections)

12400-12405 Authority to participate in federal programs

17565-17592 Board duties re property maintenance and control

33319.5 Implementation of authority of local agencies  
35000 District name  
35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules  
35020-35046 Officers and agents  
35100-35351 Governing boards  
35160-35185 Powers and duties  
35291 Rules (power of governing board)

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