

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS IN VIRGINIA

Appoint division superintendent from list of eligibles furnished by State Board of Education each 4 years (1949) within 60 days before May 1.

Board members have no duties individually except those assigned by the board.

Board shall hold annual meeting in July and fix time for holding regular meetings. Call special meeting according to its own decision.

Keep complete and accurate minutes of meetings signed by chairman and clerk.

Elect chairman, vice chairman, clerk and deputy clerk annually.

Tie vote is broken by person appointed to break tie for board of supervisors.

Be informed about schools, have care that they are conducted efficiently and according to law, provide for payment of teachers and other employees, provide for erection, equipment and maintenance of schools, provide a safe supply of drinking water and for testing same periodically, provide for consolidation of schools, approve bills, and pay same, encourage meetings of teachers, see that

school laws are explained and enforced, make local regulations, employ teachers and place in appropriate schools, call meetings of people for consultation on school matters, suspend and expel pupils, furnish free text books to indigents, take census of school children, contract with teachers and their employees, seek condemnation of land for school use, when necessary.

Contract loan through bond issue approved by voters.

Contract loan from Literary Fund when approved by County Board of Supervisors and State Board of Education.

Hold title to all school property.

Sell or exchange school property.

Decide Whether pupils 6 years of age may enter school.

Match donated funds for school libraries.

Furnish flag, pole, etc., to each school.

Insure school busses.