Policy

**BOARD LEGAL STATUS**

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Orangeburg County School District is a political and corporate body of the State of South Carolina. The legally constituted governing body of the school district is the board of trustees. The board is composed of nine members, seven from single-member districts matching those of the Orangeburg County Council and two from Orangeburg County at large.

The board’s powers are derived from the South Carolina Constitution and acts of the South Carolina General Assembly. Consequently, the board may perform only those acts that are expressly stated or implied either in state law or in rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

The board is responsible to the community it serves and represents. Therefore, it is the duty of the board to act in the best interest of the community in matters of public education, within the boundaries set by the laws and regulations of the state of South Carolina and Orangeburg County.

All powers of the board lie in its action as a governing body. Board members acting as individuals have no authority over personnel or school affairs except when such authority is specifically delegated to a member by the board.

Adopted 1/29/19

Legal References:

1. S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
2. Section 59-17-10, *et seq.* - School districts.
3. Section 59-19-10 - School district will be under the management of the board of trustees.
4. S.C. Acts and Joint Resolutions:
5. 2018 Act 280 - Consolidation bill for the school districts of Orangeburg County.
6. Attorney General’s Opinion:
7. S.C. Att’y Gen. Op. (April 21, 1961) - Any action taken by the board must be taken at a regularly called and assembled meeting with a quorum present.