

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the board shall attend board meetings, discuss items presented on the agenda, suggest other items for consideration, and vote upon motions and resolutions presented. Official decisions of the board are only made at duly constituted board meetings. Individual board members or groups of board members do not have independent authority to speak for the board and should make no out-of-meeting commitments unless directed to do so on behalf of the board. The expectations for individual board members are outlined below:

To familiarize oneself with the state school laws, regulations of the State Department of Education, and Jackson Public School District policies, rules, and regulations

To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the school system

To work harmoniously with other board members without trying to dominate the board or to neglect their share of the work

To acknowledge the necessity for a “team” relationship between each board member and the superintendent, reflecting integrity, sincerity, and devotion to the goal of providing the best possible educational program for the community.

To vote and act in the board meetings impartially for the good of the entire school district

To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and to give wholehearted support to the resulting policy

To represent the board and the Jackson Public School District to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support, and

To refer complaints to the proper school authorities, and to abstain from taking individual action.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees shall have all powers, authority, and duties articulated in Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-301.

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi  
 LEGAL REF.: Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-301; §37-7-306  
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