

SCHOOL BOARD-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR RELATIONSHIP

The Jamestown School Board is accountable for all pursuits, achievements and duties of the Jamestown Public Schools. The Board's specified role is to deliberate and to establish policies of the school, but not to implement. The Board delegates authority to the district administrator, who, acting as chief executive officer of Jamestown Public Schools, is held fully accountable to the Board for compliance with its policies.

- A. With respect to Jamestown Public Schools' goals and objectives, the Board will establish general guidelines, which, at minimum, must be observed in the development of further policy and action. The Board reserves the right to issue either restrictive or general policy statements.
- B. The authority of the district administrator to act and to set policy begins where the policy statements of the Board end. Neither the Board nor any Board member will instruct the district administrator or any Jamestown Public School staff in any area that is within the purview of the district administrator. The Board may require monitoring of the district administrator's compliance with policy.
- C. Generally, the district administrator will be empowered to assign and use resources; employ, promote, discipline and deploy staff within the limits set by law; to translate policies of the Board into action; to speak as agent of the Board; to organize and delegate administrative responsibilities; and, to exercise such other powers as are customary for chief executives.
- D. The district administrator may not perform, cause, or allow to be performed any act that is unlawful, in violation of commonly accepted business and professional ethics, in violation of any contracts into which the Board has entered, or, in violation of policies adopted by the Board to limit the district administrator's authority.
- E. Should the district administrator consider it unwise or impractical to comply with an explicit Board policy, the district administrator will inform the Board of that decision. The Board will decide whether such judgment was warranted.
- F. When law or other authority calls for Board approval of decisions that the Board has delegated to the district administrator, Board approval will be routinely given if those decisions have been made within the restrictions of Board policies.