

Article II.A. The Board of Education of Granite School District

A. Establishment of the Board of Education

The Granite School District is an institution of learning organized under the laws of the State of Utah, and the Board of Education of the Granite School District (the Board) is a body corporate and politic dedicated to the education of the children and youth in Granite School District (Utah Code 53A-3-401 *et seq.*).

B. Election and Composition of the Board of Education

1. The members of the Board are the elected representatives of the residents of the District and are responsible to them for the operation of the schools in such a manner as to be consistent with established law and in harmony with accepted principles of education.
2. The Board shall be composed of seven members who shall be elected in elections held as part of a general or special election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November on even numbered years pursuant to Utah Code 20A-14-201 *et seq.*
3. Board members are elected to a four-year term of office at alternate elections--one each from precincts I, II, and IV at one election, and one each from precincts III, V, VI, and VII at the next election consistent with Utah Code 20A-14-202. Before discharging the duties of office, each member of the Board (elected or appointed) shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the constitutional oath of office (Utah Code 20A-14-203). Midterm vacancies shall be filled via the appointment process proscribed in Utah Code 20A-1-511.
4. A president and vice president of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board during the first Board meeting in January following a regular Board election. Terms of office are for two years and until successors are elected (Utah Code 53A-3-201). The vice president of the Board shall perform the duties of the president in case of absence or incapacity of the president (Utah Code 53A-3-204).

C. Functions of the Board of Education

1. Members of the Board shall perform assignments and duties as established by the Board (e.g. service on committees, etc.).
2. The primary functions of the Board are legislative and judicial, rather than administrative. The Board is a policy-making body. It renders judgments and has authority and responsibility for appraisal and approval of the total educational effort of the District.

3. The Board appoints and authorizes a superintendent and other administrative officers to implement and carry out Board policies.
4. The Board acts as a committee of the whole in carrying out its functions.
5. The Board, conscious of its responsibility to the community and the state as a whole, endeavors to work cooperatively with other agencies of government.

D. Role of the Board President

1. The president of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board, appoint all committees for conducting Board business, and sign all warrants ordered by the Board to be drawn upon the business administrator for school monies.
2. The president of the Board serves as the representative of the District on social and official occasions (e.g. ribbon cuttings, meetings with other public officials, etc.).
3. The president of the Board works with the superintendent to prepare agendas, review agenda items and supportive material prior to meetings, determine procedural strategies for public meetings, discuss media releases, etc. The president of the Board, or her/his designee, through the superintendent, is the liaison between the Board and District administrators and employees for any official communication made on behalf of the Board as a body.
4. The president of the Board serves as facilitator to the internal operations of the Board, assisting individual Board members to participate fully in Board governance, to maintain personal integrity, and to keep Board commitments.
5. The vice-president of the board shall perform the duties of the president in the case of the absence or the incapacity of the president (Utah Code 53A-3-204).