



BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

IN EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHER SCHOOLS

1. **Determine and review mission and purpose.** It is the board's responsibility to create and review a statement of mission and purpose that articulates the school's goals, means, and primary constituents served. *(Power to change mission is reserved to Members / Trustees.)*
2. **Select the President.** Boards must reach consensus on the president's / head of school's responsibilities and undertake a careful search to find the most qualified individual for the position. *(Appointee must be approved by Members / Trustees.)*
3. **Support and evaluate the President.** The board should ensure that the president's / head of school's has the moral and professional support he or she needs to further the goals of the school.
4. **Ensure effective planning.** Boards must actively participate in an overall planning process and assist in implementing and monitoring the plan's goals.
5. **Monitor, and strengthen programs and services.** The board's responsibility is to determine which programs are consistent with the school's mission and monitor their effectiveness.
6. **Ensure adequate financial resources.** One of the board's foremost responsibilities is to secure adequate resources for the school to fulfill its mission.
7. **Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight.** The board must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place. *(Some powers regarding assets are reserved to Members / Trustees.)*
8. **Build a competent board.** All boards have a responsibility to articulate prerequisites for candidates, orient new members, and periodically and comprehensively evaluate their own performance. *(Appointments are approved by Members / Trustees.)*
9. **Ensure legal and ethical integrity.** The board is ultimately responsible for adherence to legal standards and ethical norms.
10. **Enhance the school's public standing.** The board should clearly articulate the school's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community.