

ROLE AND EVALUATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The Albemarle County School Board establishes the vision and mission for the school division. The Division goals are based on this vision and mission. By June 30, the Board reviews and revises its Biennial Board/Superintendent Priorities to support the achievement of these goals.

The Albemarle County School Board and the Superintendent are bound in a partnership of mutual trust, vision, and mission. Together, the School Board and Superintendent take primary responsibility for ensuring the Albemarle County Public School Division is one in which resources are organized and delivered to assure that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential. In order to reaffirm their partnership in fulfilling this responsibility, the School Board and the Superintendent share common areas of evaluation.

Responsibilities of the School Board

The specific responsibilities of the School Board include the following:

1. Establish and communicate a clear vision, mission, goals and a Strategic Plan.
2. Ensure school laws are properly explained, enforced, and observed.
3. Provide for the erecting, furnishing, and equipping of school buildings and the maintenance thereof.
4. Provide for the consolidation of schools or redistricting of school boundaries as deemed necessary.
5. Operate and maintain the public schools in the school division and determine the length of the school calendar.
6. Approve the curriculum and learning resources used in the school division.
7. Establish instructional and management priorities to support the achievement of the Division vision, mission, and goals.
8. Develop and adopt policies that determine the operation of the Albemarle County Public Schools.
9. Recruit, hire, and evaluate the Superintendent.
10. Adopt an annual budget.
11. Ensure that all funds are accurately accounted for according to the adopted budget.

12. Establish policies governing salaries and salary schedules, terms and conditions of employment, fringe benefits, leave, professional development, and equitable evaluation for all employees.
13. Act on personnel recommendations of Superintendent and enter into contracts with such personnel as required by law.
14. Communicate with various constituencies to receive input and gather support for public education.
15. Act as final adjudicator as delineated by policy, federal and state regulations, and statutes.
16. Follow School Board guidelines as defined in School Board Policy BG.

Evaluation of the School Board

Each year the School Board engages in an evaluation process that includes:

- Evaluation of individual School Board members (completed quarterly through School Board Member Quarterly Report to the Community)
- Evaluation of the School Board as a collective body (completed for review at June Retreat)
- Evaluation of the School Board/Superintendent Priorities (updated quarterly through the School Division Balanced Scorecard)

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Timetable of Evaluation Process

The timeline below describes the School Board evaluation process beginning in January.

January	Organizational Meeting of the School Board Retreat
End of March	Individual School Board Member Report to the Community posted
June	Retreat of the School Board to complete evaluation of the School Board as a collective body and begin review and revision of School Board/Superintendent Priorities School Board's evaluation of the Superintendent Individual School Board Member Report to the Community posted Revised School Board/Superintendent Priorities approved by the School Board
September	Individual School Board Report to the Community posted
December	Individual School Board Report to the Community posted