

# Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

## School District- School Board Legal Status and Authority

Descriptor Code:

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Board Approved:

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Rescinds:

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1 The legal basis for education in Tennessee is expressed in the state Constitution and state statutes, as  
2 interpreted by the courts. Boards are instruments of the state, and members of the Board are state  
3 officers representing local citizens and the state in the management of the public schools.<sup>1</sup>  
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5 The governing body shall be the Board of Education, serving residents within the boundaries of the  
6 school system and nonresidents under conditions specified by state law and the Board.<sup>2</sup>  
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8 All powers of the Board lie in its action as a group; therefore, individual board members exercise their  
9 authority over school system affairs only as they vote to take action at an official meeting of the Board.  
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11 In other instances, an individual board member, including the chairperson, shall have power only when  
12 specified by state law or when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him/her.  
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30 Legal References:

- 31 1. TCA 49-1-101; TCA 49-1-102; TCA 49-1-103.
- 32 2. TCA 49-6-3104.
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