

## Bylaws

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGAL STATUS AND AUTHORITY**

The Constitution of New York State instructs the Legislature to provide for a system of free common schools wherein all children of the State may be educated.

The State Legislature has implemented this constitutional mandate through the creation of school districts of various types. As a Central School District, the Red Hook Central School District is organized under and subject to the provisions of Education Law Article 37.

The Board is the corporate body charged with the general control, management, and responsibility of the schools of the Red Hook Central School District. As such, it possesses those powers and duties set forth in law. In all cases where laws or regulations of the State Commissioner of Education do not provide, permit, or prohibit, the Board shall consider itself the agent responsible for establishing and appraising educational matters and activities.

The Board is authorized to act as a body duly called in session. Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have authority only when acting as a body duly called in session.

Education Law §§ 2, 1501, 1604, 1701, 1709, 1804, 2502, and 2503

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