

Legal Status and Authority

Descriptor Code: AA

The legal basis for education in the Sweetwater City School System is invested in the will of the people as expressed in the State Constitution, the statutes, court interpretation of these laws, and the powers implied in them. School Boards are instruments of the state, and members of the Board are state officers representing local citizens and the state in the management of the public schools.¹

The school system shall serve residents of the City of Sweetwater and the First District and non-residents under conditions specified by state law and the Board of Education.

The governing body of the school system shall be the Board of Education.

All powers of the Board of Education lie in its action as a group; therefore, individual board members exercise their authority over school system affairs only as they vote to take action at an official meeting of the Board.

In other instances, an individual board member, including the chairman, shall have power only when specified by state law or when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him.

Legal References:

¹TCA 49-1-101; TCA 49-1-102; TCA 49-1-103

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