

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

I. Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board shall have all those powers and duties provided by law and regulation including but not limited to:

- a. The authority to make available, on a cooperative basis, programs and services that will assist the districts it serves to provide a quality education to students;
- b. The authority to adopt policies that will provide direction and guidance to the organization in carrying out its responsibilities;
- c. The authority to appoint a District Superintendent and, at its discretion, to provide for payment of a supplementary salary to him or her;
- d. The authority to prepare and adopt, after presentation to component school districts in accordance with law, final administrative, capital and program budgets;
- e. The authority to employ, upon recommendation of the District Superintendent, such administrators, teachers, supervisors, support staff and other personnel necessary to carry out its programs; and
- f. The authority to provide and maintain classrooms, offices and other facilities necessary to carry out its programs and services.

II. Operating Principles of the Board

In meeting its responsibilities, the Board recognizes the following principles apply:

- a. Questar III is a learning organization dedicated to achieving success by analyzing and learning from its past, listening to customers and staff, strengthening areas of weakness and cultivating leadership;
- b. As a learning organization, Questar III will best position itself to grow, adapt and change as the educational needs of the students and districts it serves change;
- c. Students are our first priority;
- d. Questar III is a cooperative that seeks to provide quality services and programs that benefit the students and districts it serves. Services are a reflection and outgrowth of mutually beneficial cooperation built upon relationships with our districts.
- e. To meet the needs of students in our region, we must be mindful that the services we offer reflect the needs of our districts. Services and rates will be developed and periodically reviewed in close cooperation with our school districts.
- f. Services will provide value to school districts, reflecting districts' needs and providing quality surpassing other vendors, while being cost competitive.

- g. To meet the needs of students in our region, we must be mindful that the services we offer should reflect the needs of our districts, consistent with their financial capacity;
- h. Collaborating with business, higher education and other institutions and organizations will advance the interests of our students and the communities we serve.
- i. As a public body the Board will strive for open and honest communication among members; and
- j. The Board exercises its authority and fulfills its responsibilities as an entity; no individual board member may act for or make decisions on behalf of the Board unless authorized.

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