

Policy 206.01: President**Status:** ADOPTED**Original Adopted Date:** 10/10/1963 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 10/09/2023 | **Last Revised Date:** 09/13/2010

It is the responsibility of the board president to lead a well-organized board in an efficient and effective manner. The board president will set the tone of the board meetings and, as the representative of the consensus of the board, speak on behalf of the board to the public.

The president of the board is elected to serve a one-year term by a majority vote at the organizational meeting in odd-numbered years, or, in even-numbered years, at a regular meeting held between twelve to thirteen months after the most recent organizational meeting.

The president, in addition to presiding at the board meetings, will take an active role in board decisions by discussing and voting on each motion before the board in the same manner as other board members. Before making or seconding a motion, the board president will turn over control of the meeting to either the vice-president or other board member.

The board president has the authority to call special meetings of the board. Prior to board meetings, the board president will consult with the superintendent on the development of the agenda for the meeting.

The board president, as the chief officer of the school district, will sign employment contracts and sign other contracts and school district warrants approved by the board and appear on behalf of the school corporation in causes of action involving the school district.

NOTE:

Board presidents were required by law to be elected during the organizational meeting following elections, and at the annual meeting in even-numbered years, and could only serve on year terms. After school elections changed to November, that required boards to wait until November each year to hold their annual meetings and settle their financials from the fiscal year prior. This 2021 change in the law separates out the election of the board president from the annual meeting. This change allows the annual meeting to be held after August 31, but closer to the end of the preceding fiscal year, and the board president to be elected during the board's regular meeting in November to maintain a one year term of office.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.1-.2; 291.1.

I.C. Iowa Code

Iowa Code § 279.2

Iowa Code § 291.1

Iowa Code § 279.1

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