

## **COOPERATIVE/JOINT AGREEMENT BOARDS**

### **2:10 Legal Status**

The Cooperative/Joint Agreement is governed by a *Governing Board* whose membership, responsibilities and authority shall be as described in the Article of Joint Agreement for the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative.

The Board's powers and duties include the authority to adopt, enforce, and monitor all policies for the management and governance of the Cooperative/Joint Agreement's programs and services.

In addition, there is an Executive Board whose membership, responsibilities, and authority shall be as described in the Article of Joint Agreement for the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative.

The ultimate responsibility for fiscal and personnel matters rests with the Board based on recommendations from the Executive Director.

If the delegate cannot attend the Governing Board meeting, the Member District may appoint an alternate. The alternate will count toward a necessary quorum, and once quorum is reached, the alternate constitutes one (1) vote.

Each Member District shall notify the Secretary of the Governing Board of the name and address of its Governing Board delegate and the name and address of its Superintendent.

#### **Use of "Board" in Policies**

The use of the word "Board" in any Board policies when not preceded by "Governing" or "Executive" refers to the applicable board or boards.

#### **Term of Office**

Membership of elected School Board members on the Governing Board is contingent upon continuing Board membership at the local district level.

Official action may only occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Open Meetings Act, a quorum must be physically present at the meeting.

Board members, as individuals, have no authority over Cooperative/Joint Agreement affairs, except as provided by law or as authorized by the Board.

#### **LEGAL REF.:**

5 ILCS 120/, Open Meetings Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20, 5/10-20.5, and 5/10-22.31.

CROSS REF.: 1:10 (Cooperative/Joint Agreement Legal Status), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Boards; Indemnification), , 2:200 (Types of Board Meetings), 2:220 (Board Meeting Procedure)

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