The San Mateo County Board of Education (County Board) provides leadership and citizen input for county educational programs and services operated by the San Mateo County Office of Education, including services provided to school districts and the community.

Roles of the Board

Major roles of the County Board include:

1. Working with the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to establish the direction and priorities for the San Mateo County Office of Education through its budgetary responsibilities.

2. Providing community leadership on educational issues and advocating on behalf of students and public education at the local, state, and federal levels.

3. Maintaining a cooperative and supporting relationship with local school districts, their governing boards and their communities.

Duties of the County Board

The County Board shall:

1. Adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of California, for its own government.

2. Keep a record of its own proceedings.

3. Approve the annual county school service fund budget of the County Superintendent of Schools before its submission to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

4. Review, as a scheduled agenda item at a regularly scheduled public meeting, the report of the annual audit provided for by the County Superintendent of Schools.

5. Conduct appeals on the following actions by district governing boards: student expulsions; interdistrict transfer requests; denials, nonrenewals, or revocations of charter petitions; and other matters when required by law.

6. Fix the salary of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools.

7. Consider charter school petitions as allowed by the Education Code, provide oversight for charter schools approved by the County Board, and fulfill other statutory responsibilities in connection with charter schools.

8. Fulfill responsibilities relating to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), including adopting the San Mateo County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and any revisions and updates to it.
Roles and Duties of the Board

The County Board may:

1. Adopt rules and regulations governing the administration of the office of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, including policies to ensure that a safe and appropriate educational environment is provided to all San Mateo County Office of Education students.

2. Review and approve the County Superintendent of Schools annual itemized estimate of revenue and expenditures.

3. Acquire, lease, lease-purchase, hold and convey real property for the purpose of housing the offices and services of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools.

4. Contract with and employ any persons for the furnishing to the board of special services and advice in financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal or administrative matters.

5. Fill by the appointment of a new County Superintendent any vacancy that occurs during the term of office of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools. If the County Board does appoint a County Superintendent of Schools, the appointee shall hold office until the office is filled by election at the next gubernatorial election.

6. Adopt and use an official seal in authentication of its acts.

7. Have such printing done as may be necessary.

Legal References:
Education Code 1040 Duties of boards; county boards of education
Education Code 1041 Powers of boards: county boards of education
Education Code 1042 Additional powers: county boards of education
Education Code 33319.5 Implementation of authority by local agencies
Education Code 35160 Authority of governing boards
California Constitution, Article IX – 3.1(b) County Superintendent’s Salary

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