



POLICY SECTION 218: Board Chairperson Powers and Duties

POLICY

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that its chairperson and co-chairperson have shared responsibility for ensuring that the Board conducts its business in a professional and efficient manner. The Board entrusts to its chairperson and co-chairperson authority to guide Board members through decision-making processes and to resolve conflict between Board members.

GUIDELINES

The Board assigns to its Chairperson, or Co-Chairperson, the following powers and duties:

1. To preside over all regular or special meetings of the Board;
2. To convey directly to the Director of Education all concerns related to him/her by Board Members, parents, students, or employees that may affect the administration of the school(s) and programs under the jurisdiction of the Board;
3. To provide advice, when so requested, to the Director of Education when he/she may have to initiate a course of action, the substance of which is not within the parameters of existing Board policy;
4. To act as spokesperson for the Board upon matters of policy;
5. To ensure that all questions before the Board are thoroughly researched and discussed;
6. To meet with the Director of Education and the Board's legal counsel as required;
7. To present, on behalf of the Board, awards the Board may authorize from time to time;
8. To delegate to the Co-Chair the above duties when necessary.

Duties at Board Meetings:

1. The Chairperson shall call the meetings to order at the time designated, provided a quorum is present. If a quorum is present and the Chairperson is absent, the Co-Chair or a member designated as acting Chair shall call the meeting to order.
2. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to preserve order, to conduct all business before the Board with integrity, and to keep the best interests of the students in mind at all times.
3. The Chairperson shall vote on all issues unless a conflict of interest has been declared.
4. The Chairperson shall decide questions of order, duly moved and seconded, by any two members.