

A-1 SCHOOL SYSTEM LEGAL STATUS

The Opelika City School District is under the exclusive control and management of the Board of Education, a body duly authorized by the State legislature. The school district is subject to legislative action and acts as an agent of the State.

The Board shall operate the district in accordance with constitutional and statutory provisions. Responsibility for interpreting these provisions shall rest with the Superintendent except where formal interpretations of such provisions have been made by courts or another constitutional authority.

As members of a government or body created by the state, Board Members are officers of the state, but they have local jurisdiction. The Board is the agency through which the city acts in regard to school matters. Board Members have authority only when functioning as a “body” or “group” in legally called regular or special meetings. The Powers of the Board are delegated only to the Board as a “body.” No Authority is granted to members acting as individuals.

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LEGAL REF: Code of Alabama 16-11-2; Alabama Constitution, 1901, Sec. 256,

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