

A-3 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT LEGAL STATUS

The Superintendent of the Opelika City School System is a constitutional officer as provided in the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama. As such, he/she has certain authorities and functions which are provided by law.

The Superintendent shall be appointed by the Board for a term of from two to four years from the first day of July next succeeding his/her appointment. The Board shall have the authority to set the above contract of employment and set the compensation and fringe benefits which are applicable to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall be the chief executive officer and secretary of the Board. He/she shall be responsible to the Board for the efficient administration of the schools according to state law and policies of the Board.

The Superintendent shall explain the true intent and meaning of the school laws, and of the rules and regulations of the Board and of the State Board of Education, subject to the provisions of the law.

The Superintendent shall decide, without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes involving the rules and regulations of the Board and the proper administration of the public schools.

As secretary of the Board, the Superintendent shall conduct all correspondence of the Board, keep and preserve all of the Board's records, receive all reports required by the Board, and see that such reports are in proper form, complete and accurate. The Superintendent shall attend all Board meetings and shall have the right to advise on any motion under consideration, but shall not have a vote. He/she shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate copy of all minutes in an official minute book reflecting all business of the Board conducted at regular or special meetings. In case the secretary is absent, the Board shall appoint some member of the Board or an employee under the jurisdiction of said Board to act for the time being. As secretary of the Board, the Superintendent shall see that that copies of all minutes are provided to all Board members and that the official Board minutes are made available for public examination in accordance with State law.

The Superintendent shall give bond in an amount fixed by the State Superintendent of Education.

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LEGAL REF: Code of Alabama 16-12-1, 16-12-3, 16-11-7, 11-2-1, 1-2-3, 36-5-1