

**A District Authority**

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The governance of the district shall be vested in the board.

Home Rule

The board shall have authority to conduct district business without specific statutory delegation. The board may transact all school district business and adopt policies the board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools.

Approved: USD 303 Board of Education September 8, 2003

**AA School District Legal Status**

**AA**

The official name of this school district is Unified School District No. 303, Ness County, State of Kansas.

The common name of this school district is Ness City U.S.D. No. 303.

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**AB School Board Legal Status**

**AB**

The legal basis for education in the district is vested in the board as elected by the will of the people as expressed in the constitution of the State of Kansas, the statutes pertaining to the schools, court interpretation of the validity of these laws and the powers implied under them.

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## **ABA Authority**

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The Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the Board) is a legal body created by the statutes of the State of Kansas. Its members are state officials receiving their responsibilities and powers through state law.

Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have complete authority, within state law, over school affairs when they serve as a legal body.

The Board is, in practice, primarily a policymaking body. Although legally authorized to administer policy, the Board delegates this function to the Superintendent of Schools.

Delegating the administrative function makes the Board responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the execution of Board policies. Evaluation by the Board requires a continuous appraisal of the results of its educational policies as well as the effectiveness of the general administration.

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**ABCD Method of Election**

**ABCD**

Unified School District No. 303 uses the at large plan of election of its board members.

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**ABE District Goals and Objectives (See BK)**

**ABE**

The board shall annually establish and review long-range goals and objectives to guide district operations. All district personnel shall direct their efforts toward achieving district goals and objectives. The superintendent shall give the board periodic reports on progress made towards achieving district goals.

The board shall participate in long-range planning through an annual meeting with the superintendent and designated staff to review progress on the implementation of board priorities, initiatives, and long-range plans. The board also shall consider and act upon objectives and major activities proposed by the superintendent to achieve district goals.

The superintendent shall develop necessary procedures to implement this policy.

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**AC School District Organization Plan**

**AC**

The school district is organized as Unified School District Number 303, Ness County, State of Kansas. It is governed by the laws relating to a unified school district.

The district will be organized on a K-8-4 basis.

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**ADA School Census****ADA**

A school census may be conducted.

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**ADA-R School Census****ADA-R**

Sometime during January each year, the board may direct the superintendent to conduct a census of the potential students and patrons living in the district under the age of five years and the number of potential students and patrons residing in the district between the ages of five and 17, and the number between the ages of 17 and 21. Such census shall also obtain information related to the planning of transportation services and such other information as the superintendent deems to be of assistance to the district.

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**AE School Year**

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The board shall provide a school year consisting of not less than:

- (1) The minimum number of statutorily required school days for students K-12, consisting of not less than 2 1/2 hours for kindergarten students and 6 hours for students in grades 1-12; or
- (2) The minimum number of statutorily required school hours for students in grades K-12.

**Virtual Schools**

If the board sponsors a virtual school, it shall comply with all current regulations of the Kansas State Department of Education and the school district.

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**AEA School Calendar****AEA**

The board shall establish a calendar for each school year. On or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the superintendent shall present a recommended school calendar for the next school year. District customs, community interest, legal holidays, staff recommendations and other relevant matters shall be considered. A copy of the current calendar shall be on file in the clerk's office.

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## **AEB School Year and Learning Opportunities**

**AEB**

**(See AE, JBD, JBE, JCDA, AND JDD)**

### Prolonged or Shortened School Year

The board may prolong or shorten the regular academic year. The superintendent shall be responsible for preparing a plan and presenting it to the board, as necessary. The board may prolong or shorten the regularly scheduled academic year because of the following types of circumstances which are stated by way of illustration and not by way of limitation: adverse weather conditions, building maintenance problems, personnel problems, public health reasons, or budgetary problems.

Should the school year be shortened by board action, the board must take steps to ensure the school term provided includes at least the minimum number of days or hours required by Kansas law.

### Additional Learning Opportunities for Students

The board may require additional learning opportunities for students not meeting minimum academic or behavioral standards as defined by the board or as outlined in board policy and/or handbook language. Students may be assigned to additional academic sessions taking place::

- before- or after-school;
- Saturday and/or
- during the summer.

Truancy laws, suspension and expulsion policies and law, and all appropriate portions of the student behavior code shall apply during additional academic sessions.

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**AF School Day**

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Except as otherwise provided in the negotiated agreement for staff members covered thereby, the board shall establish the time of beginning and of ending the school day and other time schedules.

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**AFC Emergency School Closings (JGFA, JGFC)**

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The board shall prescribe the Emergency situations for which the schools may be closed.

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**AFC-R Emergency School Closings (JGFA, JGFC)**

**AFC-R**

The board delegates to the superintendent the authority to close any school whenever any condition exists which, in the opinion of the superintendent, warrants the closing of one or more or all schools. In the event of unavailability, the board delegates such authority to the first available administrator in the following chain of command: assistant superintendent and building principal. Closing of school by such an administrator shall be effective until he reopens the school or until the superintendent or the board reviews and takes action on the situation. In any case of extreme emergency, the principal of any school may close such school. All school closings shall be immediately reported to the superintendent and the president of the board.

Emergency closing situations are: adverse weather conditions, building maintenance problems, public health reasons, personnel problems, budgetary problems, etc.

When schools are closed or dismissed early for emergency or other reasons, all school-sponsored activities and programs will be cancelled or postponed. This includes social events, club meetings, education meetings, athletic events at home or away and practices.

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(See AD)

Upon request of the board, the Superintendent shall present to the board plans for efficient use of all school attendance centers.

Building Closure Process

The board, by adoption of a resolution, may close any school building at any time it determines the closure would improve the school system of the district. The board may close more than one school building in on resolution. Such a resolution shall require a majority vote of the members of the board and shall require no other approval.

Prior to adopting a resolution closing any school building, the board shall call and hold a hearing on the proposal. The notice of such hearing shall include the reasons for the proposed closing, the name of any affected school building, and the name of any school building to which the involved students shall be reassigned. Such notice also shall include the time, date, and place of the public hearing to be held on the proposal. Such notice shall be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. The last publication shall be at least 10 but not more than 20 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

At any such hearing, the board shall hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing, and a representative of the board shall present the board's proposal for such closing. Following the public hearing, or any continuation of such hearing, and after considering all the testimony and evidence presented or submitted at the public hearing, the board shall determine whether the school building should be closed to improve the school system of the unified school district.

State Board Administrative Review

If a valid request is made not later than 45 days after the adoption of a resolution to close a school building or buildings, the state board of education shall conduct an administrative review of the resolution and issue an advisory determination, not later than 45 days after receipt of the request, to the school district that states whether the school district's resolution is reasonable under the totality of the circumstances.

Upon receipt of an advisory determination, including any advisory determination that the resolution is reasonable, the board of education of such school district shall reconsider such resolution. In reconsidering such resolution, the board of education shall hold a public hearing

as provided in current law and any approve, modify and approve, or rescind such resolution upon the conclusion of such hearing.

No resolution adopted in regard to a school closing shall be effective until, at minimum, the 45-day time period as elapsed without a request for administrative review.

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