

## **Recruitment and Appointment of the Superintendent**

The Board considers foremost among its responsibilities the selection and appointment of a superintendent who can effectively translate into action the policies of the Board and the aspirations of the Lowell community for its schools.

In order to provide the most capable leadership available for the district, the Board may engage in a nationwide search for applicants for the position of superintendent when a vacancy in that position occurs.

In order to interview superintendent candidates in executive session, the Board shall develop and adopt the standards (candidate qualities and work experiences), criteria (application, screening and hiring process) and policy directives (promote from within, state and/or national search) to be used in hiring the superintendent or interim superintendent at a meeting open to the public and at which the public has had an opportunity to comment.

The Board may seek the advice and counsel of interested individuals or of an advisory committee, or it may hire consultants to assist in screening candidates to be interviewed by the Board and to encourage the filing of applications by professional educators who meet the qualifications. Final selection, however, will rest with the Board after a thorough consideration of qualified applicants.

The Board will appoint the superintendent by a majority vote of the Board members at a meeting for which notice has been given of that intended action.

**END OF POLICY**

Legal Reference(s):  
ORS 192.660 (1)(a)(D)  
ORS 332.505  
ORS 342.513  
ORS 342.835