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BOARD MEMBER LIABILITY/INSURANCE

Because they are members of an agency of government whose powers and duties can only be exercised by a decision of the majority of the Board when the Board is officially in session, the members of the Board and its employees act as agents of the Board. None of these individuals should be placed in a position of personal liability for the performance of the responsibilities vested in them by the voters of the district.

Therefore, in order to protect the individual members of the Board, its agents, and the educational interests of the district, the Board may purchase, in the absence of governmental immunity or in addition to sovereign or governmental tort immunity, with public school funds, adequate errors and omissions liability insurance and/or other types of insurance necessary to indemnify Board members and agents of the Board for their official actions in the service of the district's schools.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information in support of this policy area.

Adopted:

Cross Refs:

EI, Insurance Management

EIA, Property and Liability Insurance

Legal Refs:

§§ 537.600 - .650, RSMo.

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