

# Board Policy

Code No. 205.1

## BOARD MEMBER LIABILITY

Board of Directors shall not be held personally liable for actions taken in the performance of their duties and responsibilities vested in them by the laws of Iowa and the members of the school district community. In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their office, the Board of Directors shall act in good faith.

The District shall defend, save harmless and indemnify the Board of Directors against tort claims or demands, whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring within the scope of their duties, unless it constitutes a willful or wanton act or omission. However, the District shall not save harmless or indemnify members of the Board of Directors for punitive damages.

*Legal Reference:*            Wood v. Strickland, 420 U.S. 308 (1975).  
42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985 (2010).  
Iowa Code ch. 670 (2013).

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