The Board of Trustees will designate a chief negotiator to represent it in negotiations with employee organizations. The board itself will not negotiate with any employee organization directly.

The negotiator will represent the board in negotiations, and shall be responsible to the superintendent and follow the guidance and policy of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees' role will be

- to assess, to the best of its ability, the needs of its employees
- to set priorities for the total educational program in the best interests of students, the District, and public in general
- to translate educational priorities and employee needs into a realistic budget
- to maintain the Board of Trustees' position of authority and control as provided by law.

Legal References:

Education Code

35020-35046 Article 3. Officers and Agents

Government Code

3540-3549.3 Public Educational Employer-Employee Relations

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