

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Series 200**

Policy Title Liability

Code No. 205.00

Board members will 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, board members will act in good faith.

The school district will defend, save harmless and indemnify board members against tort claims or demands, whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring within the scope of their official duties, unless it constitutes a willful or wanton act or omission. The school district, however, cannot save harmless or indemnify board members for punitive damages.

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

Cross Reference: 213 Public Participation in Board Meetings  
709 Insurance Program  
903.04 Public Conduct on School Premises

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