The Hilldale Board of Education is a legislative body of five (5) members elected by a vote of the district. The board of education derives its authority from the state legislature. The board's power is judicial and legislative, and the superintendent elected by the board serves as its executive officer. When not in legal session, a board member has no legal authority whatsoever.

The legislative function of the board is to make plans and policies, select the superintendent, and delegate to him or her the placing of plans and policies into operation, and provide the financial means for their achievement.

The executive function of the superintendent is to place into operation the plans and policies developed by the board of education; to keep the board informed, and to furnish educational leadership to the school district.