

**§ 115C-150.12B. (Effective July 1, 2024) Employees of schools for the deaf and blind.**

(a) Director. – Each board of trustees of a school shall appoint a director for that school, who shall act as secretary to the board of trustees in accordance with G.S. 115C-150.12A and shall manage day-to-day operations of the school and other duties as prescribed by the board of trustees. For purposes of application to other statutes in this Chapter, the director shall be the equivalent of a superintendent of schools and shall fulfill the duties of a superintendent as provided in Article 18 of this Chapter.

(b) Director Duties. – The director shall recommend school personnel to the board of trustees. The director shall supervise the administrative staff of the school, including the principal, director of human resources, and director of business and finance.

(c) Personnel Criteria. – The board of trustees shall employ and provide salary and benefits for a principal, teachers, and other employees in accordance with Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 21A, Article 22, and Article 23 of this Chapter. An employee hired by the board of trustees shall be responsible for fulfilling the duties of that employee's position as required by those Articles. All employees of schools for the deaf and blind are employees of the State.

(d) Personnel Pay. – Schools for the deaf and blind personnel, including teachers, instructional support personnel, and other employees, shall be paid, at a minimum, in accordance with the appropriate State salary schedule for local school administrative unit personnel. Schools for the deaf and blind personnel shall be eligible for all bonuses paid to local school administrative unit personnel to the extent that the schools for the deaf and blind personnel meet all qualifications other than the employer.

(e) Human Resources. – The board of trustees is responsible for providing human resources and employment-related services for the school. The board of trustees may delegate some or all of this responsibility to the director for the school or to the director of human resources, in its discretion. (2023-10, s. 1.)