

## SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

### Powers, Duties and Main Functions of the Board

The Ohio Constitution provides for the establishment of free public schools. The Fairfield City School District is a body politic created by the state legislature. Its power to manage and operate the public schools is derived from the legislature. The Board, within the powers delegated to it by statute, is the policy-making and/or legislative branch of the District.

The governing body of the District shall be made up of resident citizens. The Board cannot, by its own action, make any addition to or changes in its power other than expressly provided by the legislature.

### Purpose and Role of the Board

The Board is required to make such rules and procedures as are necessary for its government, and for the government of its employees, the students of its schools, and all persons entering on school grounds or premises. Written policies adopted by the Board shall be pursuant to Ohio state statute and consistent with the instructions of the Ohio State Board of Education.

The Board shall provide the District with educational opportunities of the highest quality consistent with the needs of the students and residents and within the ability of the District to finance the educational program.

### Powers Granted to the Board by Statute:

The Board is the governing body over the schools in the District and the Board has complete authority with state statutes, over school affairs when they serve as a legal body. Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals.

The Board is vested by state statutes with certain powers and responsibilities. Among these powers and responsibilities are:

1. the establishment of such rules and regulations as are necessary for its government, government of employees, students and all persons entering upon school grounds or premises;
2. the employment of a Superintendent and Treasurer to administer the affairs and programs of the District;

3. to establish the framework of policies and the rules, regulations and procedures consistent with the adopted policies within which the Superintendent, with staff, shall administer the District program;
4. to pass upon the annual budget and appropriation measure;
5. to provide monies for the construction, maintenance, and operations of schools through its taxing power;
6. to pass upon the recommendations of the Superintendent:
  - A. policy, rules, regulations and/or procedures;
  - B. appointment or dismissal of employees;
  - C. salary schedules;
  - D. personnel procedures;
  - E. courses of study;
  - F. adoption of textbooks and
  - G. all matters relating to the welfare of the District.
7. adopt written policies, rules, regulations and procedures consistent with statutes, which relate to study, discipline, conduct, safety and welfare of all students enrolled in the schools of the District;
8. fix the attendance boundaries of each school in the District;
9. the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board shall issue an annual report of school progress for each school under its control and for the District according to guidelines established by the Ohio State Board of Education. The reports shall contain information about the achievements, problems, plans and improvements in the school district. The reports shall be issued to the local community of each school in the District and shall be made in a format useful for parents and residents in the District;
10. soliciting and weighing public opinion as it affects the schools;
11. purchases school sites and contract for new buildings and additions, construct, erect, repair, alter or remodel buildings or structures as required and in accordance with Ohio state statutes;
12. provide facilities and equipment for carrying out the educational program;
13. cause the accurate accounting of all school funds and the auditing of same as required by statute;

14. establish rules and regulations to ensure competitive bidding in the purchases of goods and service, except professional services in accordance with state statute;
15. provide public liability insurance covering the District, the Board members and employees; procure group life, health disability and/or accident insurance covering employees of the District in accordance with state statutes and provide for the insurance of all physical properties;
16. permit the use of District property by community organizations;
17. accept gifts, donations and/or grants made to the District and expend or use same in accordance with the conditions prescribed by donor provided no gift, donation and/or grant shall be accepted by the Board of subject to any condition contrary to state statute and
18. cause to have filed with state agencies all reports and comply with all legal mandatory directives of the State Board of Education.

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