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### I. PURPOSE

The care, management and control of the schools is vested by statutory and constitutional authority in the school board. The purpose of this policy is to establish and define the authority of the school board in carrying out its mission.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board of directors is the governing body of the school district. As such it has responsibility for the care, management, and control over public schools in the district.
- B. Directors on the Board are the duly elected persons chosen by the voters of the City of Minneapolis, or those persons appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the term of a Director who has left the Board.
- C. Generally, directors have binding authority only when acting as a Board legally in session, except where specific authority is provided to directors or officers individually.
- D. Generally, the Board is not bound by an action or statement on the part of an individual director unless the action is specifically directed or authorized by the full Board of Directors.

### IV. DEFINITIONS

- A. The “district” is Special School District No. 1, the Minneapolis Public Schools.
- B. The “school board” is referred to as the Board of Directors of Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis Public Schools.
- C. “Directors” are the duly elected members of the school board or those persons appointed by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation, removal or death of a seated director.

#### ***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. §123B.02 (General Powers of School Districts)

Minn. Stat. §123B.09 (Boards of Independent School Districts)

Minn. Stat. §123B.85 (Definition)

Minn. Stat. §128D.02 (Board of Education Like Independent District's)



***Cross References:***

MPS Policy 8110 (Purposes and Role of the Board)

MPS Policy 8115 (Membership and Quorum)

MPS Policy 8116 (Vacancies on the Board)

MPS Policy 8140 (Officers)