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Purposes and Role of the Board

Policy 8110

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the authority, duties and powers of the school board in carrying out its mission.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to provide a program of public education for the people of Minneapolis, and all others who choose to send their students to the District's schools..

III. ROLES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

- A. The Board has powers and duties specified by statute. The Board's authority includes implied powers in addition to specific powers granted by the legislature.
- B. The Board has certain powers of a legislative character and other powers of a quasi-judicial character. Legislative powers are those authorizing the Board to create policies for the governance of the district and to adopt a budget for the district. Quasi-judicial character powers are those authorizing the Board to hold hearings on complaints and other matters and to make findings and conclusions in interpreting the policies of the Board.
- C. The Board shall:
 - 1. Adopt policies for the organization and government of the District;
 - 2. Appoint a Superintendent of Schools to superintend and manage the schools of the District;
 - 3. Adopt a budget for the operation of the schools;
 - 4. Provide, by means of levy of tax, necessary funds for the conduct of schools, the payment of indebtedness, and all proper expenses of the District;
 - 5. Make and authorize contracts;
 - 6. Purchase, sell, and exchange school district property as deemed necessary by the Board for District purposes;
 - 7. Employ and discharge necessary employees and contract for other services;
 - 8. Provide school buildings necessary for the purposes of the District;
 - 9. Provide for the payment of all just claims against the District;
 - 10. Provide for transportation of students to and from school, as governed by statute;
 - 11. Prosecute and defend actions by or against the District, in all proper cases;
 - 12. Inform the citizens of the City of Minneapolis of the progress and needs of the schools.



- D. The Board may perform other acts allowed by law and which the board deems reasonable, necessary or required for the governance of the schools.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. §123B.09 (Boards of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. §123B.85 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. §128D.01 (Special Independent District: Minneapolis)
Minn. Stat. §128D.04 (District Like Independent District; Exception)
Minn. Stat. §128D.13 (Law to Publish Proceedings Does Not Apply)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 8000 (Legal Status of the District)
MPS Policy 8410 (Member Duties)