



**Policy: 3.02**

**SUBJECT:                    SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES**

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### **1.0    Policy**

The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit is empowered by state laws to do all things in its judgment necessary for the proper establishment, maintenance, management, and conduct of free public schools.

It may take, use, hold, and convey real and personal property for school use, ascertain and certify the tax levy for operating expenses, issue bonds and borrow money for school purposes under the conditions and in the manner prescribed by law.

The Board may accept gifts, conduct school elections, fill Board vacancies, establish attendance areas and provide free textbooks and school materials as provided by law. It may serve as an agent of the federal government in providing educational programs within the district.

It may establish and operate accredited liberal arts and professional colleges and may, accordingly, grant honors and confer diplomas and degrees in connection therewith.

It shall have authority to adopt policies, bylaws, rules, and regulations and guidelines for its government, and for the control, government, and security of all public schools, school properties, employees, and students.

The Board will be liable for the indebtedness of the school system and will be fiscally independent.

In the performance of its duties, the Board will safeguard the rights and dignity of all persons who come within its jurisdiction as guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States and by the laws of this State. It will implement the goals of equal opportunity for quality education for all pupils through its actions, its policy determinations, and its practices, as well as through the use of school finances and through administrative functions and operations. Moreover, the Board will not discriminate against any persons or groups of persons in any manner or form because of

race, color, religion, creed, sex, or national origin. The Board will ensure the application of these principles to all school functions, operations and activities throughout the district.

The Board may do anything whatever within the limits of the law to advance the interests of education, the good government and preservation of the free schools in the city, and the welfare of the public concerning the same. Good education, good government, and good community will be the constant concerns of this Board.

### Specific Responsibilities

The Board will exercise the following responsibilities within the limits specified by statute:

1. It will plan, construct, and maintain an adequate public school system for the district.
2. It will plan, develop, organize, and operate effectively an efficient educational program within the system.
3. It will develop educational purposes and program objectives and, further, will develop both short-range and long-range plans to achieve these purposes and objectives.
4. It will authorize specific actions and employ able and qualified persons to implement the functions of the Board.
5. It will exercise broad, general control and provide direction to the school system by legislative action, by policy determination, by cooperative planning with administrators, by use of consultation, and by public participation when deemed advisable.
6. It will select and appoint the General Superintendent of schools and with the General Superintendent plan the administrative organization.
7. It will develop fiscal policies, plan the budget, and approve all expenditures.
8. It will plan and develop effective means of communication and cooperation between the schools and the community.
9. It will continuously review and evaluate the goals and effectiveness of the system as a whole, or in part, in relation to community needs.
10. It will authorize the school calendar, and perform any and all other duties not herein stated as may be defined by law.

11. Only the Board may enter into collective bargaining agreements with employee organizations, subject to applicable law, and approve employee agreements and salary schedules.

**Attachments to Policy 3.02:** None

**See also:** None

**Legal References:** MCLA § 380.431a  
MCLA § 380.483a  
MCLA § 380.1201 – 380.1348  
MCLA § 380.11 *et seq.*

**Labor Contract References:** None