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## **POLICY 1-1.1 AUTHORITY AND TITLE**

### **Authority**

Article VIII, § 7 of the Constitution of Virginia places the responsibility for providing an efficient system of free public schools with the General Assembly of Virginia, and further directs the establishment of local school boards to operate, maintain and supervise local schools. The Poquoson City School Board derives its authority from the Constitution of Virginia, the Code of Virginia, and the regulations of the Virginia Board of Education. The School Board is the policy-making body for the Poquoson City Public Schools and serves within the framework provided by law, the will of the local citizenry, and the ethics of the professional personnel.

The School Board is a body corporate, and in its corporate capacity is vested with all the powers and charged with all the duties, obligations, and responsibilities imposed upon school boards by law and may sue, be sued, contract, be contracted with, and purchase, take, hold, lease and convey school property, both real and personal. The School Board members are officers of the Commonwealth. School Board members shall have no authority or duties except such as may be assigned to them by the School Board as a whole. School Board members shall have authority only when acting as a board regularly in session. The School Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action of any individual School Board member or employee except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions or rules of the School Board.

The wisdom and far-sightedness of the School Board members and the effectiveness and efficiency with which the School Board, as a corporate body, discharges its duties and obligations determine, to a large degree, the educational level of the citizens of Poquoson City.

### **Title**

The School Board is a corporate body whose official title shall be the “Poquoson City School Board.”

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Constitution of Virginia, Article VIII, § 7; Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, §§ 22.1-1, 22.1-2, 22.1-28, 22.1-31, 22.1-71.

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**POLICY 1-1.2 CORPORATE SEAL**

The Poquoson City Public School division may, by a majority vote of the Poquoson City School Board, adopt a corporate seal for use in the division. The seal shall have engraved thereon the official title of the division and such other inscription as the School Board may direct. The School Board shall serve as custodian of the seal.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-2, 22.1-71, 22.1-79.

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**POLICY 1-1.3 POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Poquoson City School Board is granted powers and charged with duties as determined by the General Assembly of Virginia. Such powers and duties include, but are not limited to, those specifically enumerated in Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78 and 22.1-79. Accordingly, the operation of Poquoson City Public Schools shall be within the reasonable discretion of the School Board except where that discretion is limited by law.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-79.

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**POLICY 1-1.4 LEGAL COUNSEL**

Generally, the Poquoson City School Board is represented by an attorney of its choice. The Poquoson City Attorney's Office, may advise and represents the Board on legal matters when necessary.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-82.

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