

Policy Guide

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: AUTHORITY AND POWERS

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	<p>002. AUTHORITY AND POWERS</p>
	<p>Section 1. <u>Authority</u></p>
<p>PA Const. Art. III, Sec. 14 SC 211, 501, 502, 503, 507, 510,</p>	<p>The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate and maintain the public schools of the Williamsburg Community School District is vested in the Board of School Directors, which is a body corporate and which is constituted and governed by Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Statutes, the Public School Code of 1949 as amended, and Article III of the Pennsylvania Constitution and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.</p>
	<p>Section 2 <u>Powers</u></p>
<p>SC 211, 407, 501, 502, 503, 507, 510, 511, 803, 1411</p>	<p>The Board shall establish such schools as are required for the education of every student residing in Williamsburg Community School District between the ages of five (5) and twenty-one (21) years who may attend school; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain the schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and department of employees and students; and shall levy and collect taxes as may be necessary, in addition to the annual State appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers.</p>
<p>Pol. 102 Title 22 Sec. 4.13 SC 301</p>	<p>The Board shall act as the general agent of the General Assembly and residents of the school district in the matter of public education. It shall establish educational goals and academic standards for district schools and govern an educational program designed to meet those goals and standards and to support student achievement. The Board shall be responsible for establishing, maintaining and evaluating the educational programs in district schools, and for enforcing mandatory laws and regulations.</p>
<p>SC 407</p>	<p>The Board, in accordance with its statutory mandate, shall adopt Board procedures for its own operation, and policies for the guidance of the Superintendent in the operation of the school district. Board procedures and policies shall be consistent with law, have a rational and substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose of the Board, and be directed towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this district.</p>

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	<p>Board members have no legal authority to act on their own, but derive authority only from action at a legally convened meeting when such action is taken as a group.</p>
Po. 006	<p>The Board has the authority and responsibility to act only when a quorum is present at a duly called regular or special meeting. Although there is a continuing responsibility of office, individual members exercise the authority and responsibility of the Board membership position only when the Board is in legal session. The Board will not be legally bound by implication or otherwise by any statement or action on the part of any individual Board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of special instruction from the whole Board.</p>
SC 301	<p>The powers of the Board of School Directors are not vested in the individual school director. No such individual is authorized to act on behalf of the Board to carry out any of the Board's authorized powers, except for those acts stated in law.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Pennsylvania Constitution - PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14</p> <p>School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 211, 301, 406, 407, 426, 427, 501, 502, 503, 507, 510, 511, 801, 803, 1411</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13</p> <p>Board Policy - 006, 102</p>