

BOARD AUTHORITY AND PHILOSOPHY

The Board of School Trustees on Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District, also referred to as the “Board”, shall supervise the Corporation in accordance with Indiana law.

A School Board is a legal entity governed by State law responsible for providing a system of public education within a geographic area.

The Board must fulfill legal requirements pertaining to public education and meet the needs of the citizens in its community. In considering and representing citizen desires, the Board must, at all times, exercise its best judgment for the Corporation.

The School Board shall be a body corporate, and, as such, capable of suing and being sued, contracting and being contracted with, acquiring, holding, possessing and disposing of real and personal property, and taking and holding in trust for the use and benefit of the Corporation, any grant or devise of land and any donation or bequest of money or other personal property.

The power of this Board extends to those matters expressly conferred by statute and those matters which may be necessarily implied. The Board retains the power to act, in accordance with its policies, in circumstances where action is neither statutorily required nor prohibited.

Insofar as his/her service as a member of the Board is concerned, an individual Board member has no separate existence; he/she can act only as a member of the Board in official meeting.

In collaboration with the Superintendent and in compliance with Board Policy D150, the Board shall monitor and regulate all programs and operations in the Corporation and the employees, students, and other persons on its premises.

The Board strives to establish policies and make decisions on the basis of declared educational philosophy and goals. The Board shall keep the citizens of the Corporation informed of the purpose, value, concerns, and needs of public education within the community. The Board shall not relinquish or fail to exercise its authority expressly granted by the State to deliver public education to its local community.

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Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District

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