

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

Membership and Statutory Bases

The Okemos Public Schools shall be administered and operated as a General Powers school district in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and Statutes of the State of Michigan, rules of the State Department of Education, certain federal laws and rules, and by means of such policies as the board may establish.

The Okemos Public Schools may sue and be sued in its name, may acquire and take real and personal property for educational purposes within or without its corporate limits by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest, and may sell and convey the property as the interests of the district require. This school district and its officers will be entitled to the rights, privileges, and immunities, and be subject to the duties and liabilities, conferred upon school districts by law.

A general powers school district has expressed powers as stated in the Revised School Code, and it may exercise a power implied or incident to any power expressly stated in the Code. A general powers school district may, except as provided by law, exercise a power incidental or appropriate to the performance of any function related to the operation of the district in the interests of public elementary and secondary education. Expressed powers are those duties expressly stated in the Revised School Code. Implied powers are those powers indirectly related to the district's operations. Incidental powers means having the ability to take care of those things which are likely to occur within the district but for which the board may not currently have a bylaw or policy.

The board of education shall consist of seven members who are elected from the district at large. The term of office of each school board member is four years.

In the event of a vacancy on the board of education, the remaining members of the board shall in accordance with state law, within thirty (30) days after the occurrence thereof, appoint a person to fill such vacancy. If not, the vacancy shall be filled by the board of the Ingham Intermediate School District. In accordance with the law, the board will develop a process to fill a vacancy on the board of education. See board policy 9101: Board Vacancies for reference

LEGAL REFERENCE: MCL380.11; 380.12; 380.13 et seq.
PA 289 (1995)
See Also: Board Policy 9101: Board Vacancies

Policy

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