

## POWERS AND PHILOSOPHY

### 0121 Authority

The Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education exists for the purpose of providing a system of free, public education for children in grades PreKindergarten – 12. The School District shall be classified as a unified school district and the specific school district boundaries are on file in the Superintendent's Office located at 100 West Monroe Street, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074. The Board shall oversee the operations of the District through Board Policy and within the parameters and authority as governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

### 0122 Powers

The Board shall perform the specific duties and exercise the specific powers imposed upon unified school districts by state law. In addition, the Board may do all things reasonable to promote the cause of education, including establishing, providing, and improving school programs, functions, and activities for the benefit of students. The Board shall also authorize the development and promulgation of rules and guidelines by the Superintendent for the proper operation and management of the District, including the conduct of students while in school or enroute on school buses.

### 0123 Philosophy of the Board

A Board of Education is a legal entity for providing a system of public education within a geographic area of the State of Wisconsin. The system was created by, and is governed by, State statutes. Members of a Board are chosen by citizens to represent them and the State in the governance of the local schools.

The Board has the dual responsibility for implementing statutory requirements pertaining to public education and meeting the desires of residents. The Board membership consists of elected delegates to represent the public in the development of policy for the operation of the School District.

The Board believes that accountability is a shared responsibility with the public, with parents, students, and all those employed by the District to operate the schools.

It is the Board's intention to:

- A. maintain two-way communications with citizens of the District. The Board shall keep the public informed of the operations of the School District, and the citizens shall be

encouraged to bring their ideas and concerns about the District to the attention of this body.

- B. establish policies and make decisions on the basis of declared educational philosophy and goals.
- C. act as a truly representative body for citizens in all matters related to programs and operations. The Board recognizes that ultimate responsibility for public education rests with the State, but the Board of Education has been assigned specific authority through statute, and the Board shall not relinquish or fail to exercise that authority.

Legal reference:

Chapters 118, 120 Wis. Stats.

Sections 115.01(3), 120.10, 120.12, 120.13, 120.40-120.44 Wis. Stats.

Cross reference:

Bylaw 0131.1 – Bylaws and Policies

Bylaw 0143 – Board Member Authority

Bylaw 0144.2 – Code of Ethical Conduct

Bylaw 0144.3 – Conflict of Interest

Policy 2105 – Mission and Philosophy of the District

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us