

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The MSD of Wayne Township is governed by a locally elected School Board consisting of seven (7) members. Indiana law provides for the organization of school districts, the composition of school district boards, and the election of school board members.

A School Board is a legal entity governed by State law responsible for providing a system of public education within a geographic area. Local school boards are instrumentalities of the state and derive their powers and duties from the Indiana Constitution and acts of the General Assembly. 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 District.

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. The School board will take and hold in trust for the use and benefit of the District, any grant or devise of land and any donation or bequest of money or other personal property.

The Board may exercise any power that is not expressly denied by the Constitution of the State of Indiana, state and federal statutes and regulations and is not expressly granted to any other entity. In accordance with the Indiana School Corporation Home Rule Act, the Board will develop written policy as needed to exercise its power under the Act.

The Board shall monitor and regulate all programs and operations in the District 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 District 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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MSD of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana

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