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201 LEGAL STATUS OF THE STUDIO SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. PURPOSE

The care, management, and control of The Studio School is vested by statutory and constitutional authority in The Studio School Board of Directors. The Board shall carry out the business of The Studio School in accordance with the mission and vision of the school with diligence, prudence, and dedication. The purpose of this policy is to define the authority, duties, and powers of The Studio School Board of Directors in conducting the business of The Studio School.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The Studio School Board is the governing body of the school. As such, the Board has responsibility for the care, management, and control over all aspects of the school.
- B. Generally, elected members of the Board have binding authority only when acting as a school board legally in session, except where specific authority is provided to school board members or officers individually. Generally, the Board is not bound by an action or statement on the part of an individual Board member unless the action is specifically directed or authorized by The Studio School Board of Directors.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “The Studio School Board of Directors” means the governing body of the school.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- A. As outlined in The Studio School Bylaws, the membership of the Board consists of at least five (5) members with the target configuration of nine (9) members, but may have as many as eleven (11) members with Board approval.
- B. The term of office is three (3) years.
- C. As outlined in The Studio School Bylaws, the Board’s composition shall be consistent with Minn. Stat. § 124D.10. Licensed teachers employed as a teacher at the school or a licensed teacher providing instruction under contract between the school and a cooperative must hold exactly the number of Board seats to achieve a majority. The Board shall also be composed of:

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1. At least one parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the charter school who is not an employee of the charter school;
 2. At least one interested community member who resides in Minnesota and is not employed by the charter school and does not have a child enrolled in the school;
 3. At least one interested artist, designer or engineer who resides in Minnesota and is not employed by the charter school and does not have a child enrolled in the school.
- D. The Executive Director may only serve as an ex-officio, non-voting Board member. There may be other ex officio, non-voting members of the Board as provided by law.
- E. No charter school employees shall serve on the Board other than teachers, as described above.
- F. Contractors providing facilities, goods, or services to the school shall not serve on the Board of Directors of the school.
- G. A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum. The act of the majority of a quorum is the act of The Studio School Board of Directors.

V. POWERS AND DUTIES

- A. The Studio School Board of Directors has powers and duties specified by statute. The Board's authority includes implied powers in addition to specific powers granted by the legislature.
- B. The Board exercises administrative functions. It also has certain powers of a legislative character and other powers of a quasi-judicial character.
- C. The Board shall manage The Studio School; adopt rules for the organization, government, and instruction; prescribe textbooks and courses of study as necessary; and make and authorize contracts.
- D. The Board shall have the general charge of the business of the school, their facilities and property, and of the interest of the school.
- E. The Board, among other duties, shall perform the following in accordance with applicable law:
1. Conduct the business of the schools and pay indebtedness and proper expenses;
 2. Employ and contract with necessary qualified teachers and discharge the same;
 3. Provide services to promote the health of its pupils;
 4. Provide school buildings;
 5. Purchase, sell, and exchange school property and equipment as deemed necessary by the Board for school purposes;

6. Provide for payment of claims against the school, and prosecute and defend actions by or against the school, in all proper cases;
 7. Employ and discharge necessary employees and contract for other services;
 8. Make and authorize contracts; and
 9. Procure insurance against liability of the school district, its officers, and employees.
- F. The Studio School Board of Directors, at its discretion, may perform the following:
1. Provide library facilities, public evening schools, adult and continuing education programs, summer school programs, and intersession classes of flexible school year programs;
 2. Furnish school lunches for pupils and teachers on such terms as the Board determines;
 3. Enter into agreements with one or more other schools to provide for agreed upon educational services;
 4. Lease rooms or buildings for school purposes;
 5. Authorize the use of school facilities for community purposes that will not interfere with their use for school purposes;
 6. Authorize cocurricular and extracurricular activities;
 7. Receive, for the benefit of the school, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose;
 8. Perform other acts as the Board shall deem to be reasonably necessary or required for the governance of the schools
 9. Arrange for transportation of pupils to and from school, as governed by statute.

Legal References

Minn. Stat. § 123A.22 (Cooperative Centers)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.14 (School District Officers)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.23 (Liability Insurance)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.85 (Definition)

Jensen v. Indep. Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 85, 160 Minn. 233, 199 N.W. 911 (1924)