



**POLICY 002 -- AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

**Section 1. Authority.** The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate, and maintain the public schools of the West Jefferson Hills School District is vested in the Board of School Directors which is a body corporate and which is constituted and governed by Title 24, the "Public School Code of 1949," of the Pennsylvania statutes and Article III of the Constitution.

**Section 2. Powers.** The Board shall establish such schools as are required for the education of every person residing in the West Jefferson Hills School District between the ages of six and 21 years who may attend such schools; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain such schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and deportment of employees and students; and shall levy and collect such taxes as may be necessary, in addition to the annual state appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers.

The Board in accordance with its statutory mandate shall prepare bylaws for its own operation and policies for the guidance of the Chief School Administrator in the operation of the school district. Such bylaws and policies shall be consistent with law, have a rational and substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose of the Board, and be directed towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this district.

The Board shall act as the general agent of the General Assembly in the matter of public education. It shall establish educational goals for the children of this district and govern a program of education designed to meet those goals. The Board shall be responsible for enforcing mandatory laws. The Board shall be the agent responsible for establishing, maintaining, and appraising the public education activities of this school district in accordance with law.

The powers of the Board of School Directors are not vested in the individual school director. No such individual is authorized to act on behalf of the Board to carry out any of the Board's statutorily authorized powers, except for those acts stated in law.

It is understood that the members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual Board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the Board.