

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESIGNATION, COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE BOARD

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- 1370.1 Designation
The corporate name of the Board of School Directors (hereinafter designated the "Board") is the Board of School Directors of Fairfield Area School District and such title shall be employed in executing all agreements to which the Board is a party and in signing all papers requiring the signature of members of the Board.
- 1370.2 The Board shall serve as a creature of the state legislature deriving its authority to manage and operate public schools from the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.
- 1370.3 The following conditions shall prevail as the Board performs its functions:
- 1370.3a Under mandatory law, the Board shall perform functions as prescribed by law.
- 1370.3b Under permissive legislation, the Board may use discretionary authority in carrying out a specific function.
- 1370.3c If there is no permissive or mandatory provision in law, the Board shall not assume it has authority for action on a specific matter.
- 1370.4 Composition of the Board
The Board shall consist of nine members elected at large. The Board also utilizes the services of a Secretary and a Solicitor. An elected member of the Board may serve as Secretary. In addition, the Board has two student representatives. See Board officers, Solicitor, Student Representatives and Duties, and Board Committees and Duties for additional information on the composition of the Board.
- 1370.5 Responsibilities of an Individual Board Member
- 1370.5a Be familiar with the Pennsylvania public school laws, regulations of the Department of Education, and the Fairfield Area School District Board Policies and regulations.
- 1370.5b Have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the District.

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- 1370.5c Work harmoniously with other Board members without trying either to dominate the Board or neglect his/her share of the work.
- 1370.5d Vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the District.
- 1370.5e Accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give wholehearted support to the resulting policy.
- 1370.5f Represent the Board and the Fairfield Area School District to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
- 1370.5g Refer worthy complaints to the proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action.
- 1370.5h Press courageously for the financial resources that are essential for maintenance of a high quality school program.