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BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

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The board of trustees, under authority of the statutes of the State of Mississippi and the regulations of the State Department of Education, and its own policies, are the basic policy-making authority for Jackson County School District.

The Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated specifies duties and powers for the board of trustees including appointment and removal of a superintendent; establishing schools and attendance areas; reviewing, revising and approving budget estimates; determining the number of teachers and other employees in the school district; approving, promoting, retiring, removing and determining other personnel actions; initiating, revising, reviewing and approving plans for erection or improvement of building and facilities; purchasing or otherwise acquiring land for school buildings, playgrounds, or other purposes; initiating questions of policy; cooperating with local governing bodies and elected/appointed officials of other governmental jurisdictions and identified community leaders.

The board of trustees will also exercise any and all powers not specifically stated in Chapter 37, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, inclusive of this title but given to boards of trustees by general law, state as well as federal.

The board of trustees shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and his district staff, who shall be responsible for effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

LEGAL REF: Mississippi Code, Section 37-7-301 (1993).