

School Board Legal Status

The constitution of the State of Oregon charges the Legislature with providing by statute for a general systems of common schools. The Legislature enacts laws to regulate the immediate control of the schools to locally elected boards of directors. Thus, the Board is the governing body of the Prospect School District.

Federal and State statutes and rules and regulations of the State Board of Education define and outline the general powers and duties of the Board. The Oregon statutes (Chapter 332) authorize the Board to transact all business within the jurisdiction of the district, to control the district schools , and to educate the children residing in the district. The Board's duty is to carry out those statutes that are mandatory (e.g. "The board shall...") where the laws on a subject are permissive (e.g. "The board may....") the board is empowered to exercise its judgment and discretion.

This school district will be known as School District No. 59. There will be five members of the Board of Directors. The regular term of office of Board members will be four (4) years. The terms of office will commence on the first day of July next following the election. The term of office for members elected to fill a vacancy will be the time remaining in the term of office of the vacated Board position. Members will serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Article VIII, Section 3, Oregon Constitution

ORS 332.072

ORS 332.057

ORS 332.107

ORS 332.018(1)

ORS 332.040