
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OPERATIONS – EXERCISE OF HOME RULE POWERS

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The supervision of Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) shall be conducted by the Board of School Trustees (Board), constituted and governed by the laws of the State of Indiana.

The powers of the Board extend to those matters expressly granted by statute, those matters necessarily implied from such granted powers, and all the powers needed for the effective operation of WWS.

The Board shall retain the power to act, through written policies, in situations in which there is no action required or prohibited by Indiana law or Constitution. Pursuant to the Indiana Home Rule statute, the Board may exercise any power not otherwise provided for by any constitutional or statutory provision.

Prior to the Board's exercise of its power, all aspects, consequences, and results of its action will be reviewed and considered by the Board in an open meeting. Consideration and review by the Board may include opportunity for members of the community and school personnel to provide input to the Board's action.

With respect to contracts and the exercise of Home Rule power, contracts entered into by the Board with an individual school employee and/or the exclusive representative of any employee group through a collective bargaining process shall be reviewed by the Board prior to the vote to accept or ratify such contracts. Provisions of such contracts which have been accepted or ratified shall be deemed the policy of the Board.

Board decisions shall be made only by the Board acting as a whole in an advertised public meeting where a quorum is present.

No individual board member may unilaterally commit the whole Board to a particular course of action or direct the Superintendent to a particular course of action.

The Board shall have the management and control of all corporation facilities, corporation programs, and the employees, students, and other persons entering upon its premises.