

## **Legal Status of the Board**

### **CORPORATE POWERS**

1. The school district is under the management and control of the Board of Education consisting of five (5) members.
2. The Board is a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession.
3. The Board shall be known as the “Board of Education of the Newport Independent Schools, Newport, Kentucky.”
4. The Board may sue and be sued; make contracts; expend funds necessary for liability insurance premiums and for the defense of any civil action brought against an individual Board member in his official or individual capacity, or both, on account of an act made in the scope and course of his performance of legal duties as a Board member; purchase, receive, hold, and sell property; issue its bonds to build and construct improvements; and do all things necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is created.<sup>1</sup>

### **ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

*Interested high school seniors shall complete the Newport Independent Board of Education Student Representative application, including two teacher recommendations. The Selection Committee, composed of the high school principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor, and teacher will make their recommendation to the Superintendent and submit the nomination along with the application packet to the Superintendent. The Board of Education will approve the nomination and install the Student Representative at the regular October meeting.*

### **TERM**

*Student will serve from October to the May board meeting.*

### **UNEXPIRED TERMS**

*When a vacancy occurs in the Student Representative position, it will be filled by the Superintendent. The member so chosen shall hold office until the term expires.*

### **IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**

*Any Student Representative failing to attend two (2) meetings, unless excused by the board for reason satisfactory to it, shall be removed from the Board of Education.*

### **POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Student will be a non-voting representative of the Board of Education. The student will attend meetings of the Board of Education but will not participate in the Closed Sessions. Students Representative will present advocacy of the priorities of students in the Newport Independent School District.*

### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

As required by law, the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), genetic information, disability, age, or

limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions in its programs and activities and provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Notice of the name, work address and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator and the Section 504 Coordinator for the District shall be provided to employees, applicants for employment, students, parents/guardians, and other beneficiaries such as participants in activities offered to the public.

#### **WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY**

The District is committed to ensuring accessibility of its website for students, employees, visitors, and members of the community with disabilities. All pages on the District's website shall conform to Level AA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), or updated equivalents of these guidelines.

Under District developed administrative procedures, students, parents, and members of the public may present a complaint regarding a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 related to the accessibility of any official District web presence which is developed by, maintained by, or offered through the District or third party vendors and open sources.

#### **REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>[KRS 160.160](#)

[KRS 160.370](#)

KRS Chapter 344

Americans with Disabilities Act

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 U.S.C. 200e, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII

20 U.S.C. 1681, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

20 U.S.C. § 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines

Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020)

H.R. 1065 (EH) - Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

#### **RELATED POLICIES:**

03.113; 03.212; 03.162; 03.262

05.3; 09.13; 09.3211; 09.42811

10.5

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