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### **Authority**

The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate and maintain the public schools of the Springfield School District ("District") is vested in the Board of School Directors ("Board"), which is a body corporate and which is constituted and governed by Title 24, the "Public School Code of 1949", of the Pennsylvania statutes and Article III of the Constitution. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

### **Powers**

The Board shall establish such schools as are required for the education of every person residing in the District between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years who may attend such schools; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain such schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and department of employees and students; and shall levy and collect such taxes as directed by law in addition to the annual state appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers. [\[2\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)

The Board in accordance with its statutory mandate shall prepare bylaws for its own operation and policies for the guidance of the Superintendent in the operation of the District. Such bylaws and policies shall be consistent with law and have a rational and substantial relationship towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this District. [\[9\]](#)

Board members are entitled to full information and all data necessary in their judgment to the proper casting of their votes on any matter which can come before the Board for action. The Board members' right to full information extends to the duty to listen to complaints citizens bring to them, but not to solicit such complaints.

The powers of the Board are not vested in the individual school director. No individual Board member has the power to act in the name of or to speak for the Board unless authorized by Board action to perform a particular task or make an official statement.

Any Board member is entitled to state a position on any matter; however, care should be taken to explain that position is a personal one and not that of the Board.

**SUPERSEDES:** Policy No. 8101, By-Laws/Board of School Directors  
Policy No. 8101.1, Miscellaneous Board Operating Procedures

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[1. PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14](#)

[2. 24 P.S. 211](#)

[3. 24 P.S. 301](#)

[4. 24 P.S. 501](#)

[5. 24 P.S. 502](#)

[6. 24 P.S. 503](#)

[7. 24 P.S. 507](#)

[8. 24 P.S. 510](#)

[9. 24 P.S. 407](#)

[10. 24 P.S. 511](#)

[11. 24 P.S. 801](#)

[12. 24 P.S. 803](#)

[13. 24 P.S. 1411](#)

[22 PA Code 4.13](#)

Pol. 100

Pol. 102