

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

The Mercer County Schools are under the supervision and control of the County Board of Education, composed of five members, elected without reference to political party affiliations. The Board is a corporation designated "The Board of Education of the County of Mercer" and as such may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, contract and be contracted with as permitted by law. The Board shall, according to law, hold and dispose of any real estate or personal property belonging to the former corporation or its predecessors, or that may hereafter come into its possession.

It is the Board as a whole rather than to individual members that the law assigns powers, duties, and responsibilities. Thus, Board members have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action taken on the part of any individual Board member or employee, except when such statement or action is made on specific instruction of the Board.

The Board president may serve a ex-officio member on any district-wide committees serving the entire school district.

Source: Board of Education Minutes

Dates: 9/13/79, 2/25/82

Legal Reference: School Laws of West Virginia: 18-5-3