

AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public oversight of local government is the foundation of American democracy. Nowhere is this more evident than in the public schools, where local boards of education are entrusted by their diverse communities to uphold the Constitution, protect the public interest in schools, and ensure that a high quality education is provided to each student. To maximize the public's confidence in local government, the Board of Trustees will govern responsibly and effectively.

Public Education is a legal function of the State of California. The members of the Board of Trustees serve as State officials with authority delegated through legislative enactments.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of this School District and derives its power, authority and existence from the Constitution and Acts of the Legislature of the State of California and the Rules and Regulations of the California State Board of Education.

The control of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District is thus vested in the Board of Trustees and the Board retains all of the rights vested in it by the Federal and State constitutions, laws and regulations, as well as the discretionary powers not prohibited by those provisions nor specifically limited by the terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements reached with exclusive bargaining agents representing District employees.

Reference: Education Code: Title 2, Division 3, Part 21, Chapters 1 and 2, commencing with Section 35000

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