

## **The University of Memphis Board of Trustees – Innovative School District Policy**

### **Purpose**

The Board of Trustees has the power to serve as the local board of education for the Innovative School District (ISD) operated by the University of Memphis. The Board may appoint from its membership a committee to perform the functions of a local board of education for the operation of the Innovative School District.

### **Policy**

- I. The Board shall identify a subcommittee to serve in the capacity of the local board of education for the ISD.
- II. The subcommittee may exercise the powers and duties authorized by TCA 49-8-203, including, as appropriate, the ability to assume general responsibility for the operation of the institution, delegating to the President such powers and duties as are necessary and appropriate for the efficient administration of the institution and its programs, inclusive of the ISD.
- III. The subcommittee may delegate to the President authorization to designate a university employee to serve as director of schools for the ISD.
  - a. The employee designated to serve as Director of Schools shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the subcommittee and liaison between the board and the schools.
  - b. The board, acting through the president, shall delegate duties specific to the operations of the ISD, as deemed appropriate, to the Director of Schools.
- IV. The subcommittee hereby adopts an initial policy manual for the ISD, and authorizes a policy review process for subsequent policies that guide the operations of the schools within the ISD, including enrollment and academic policies.
- V. The subcommittee shall approve, or delegate approval to the appropriate University official, the annual ISD budget.
- VI. The subcommittee shall approve, or delegate approval to the appropriate University official, the annual ISD academic calendar.
- VII. The subcommittee shall approve any capital improvement investments in property currently owned and operated by the ISD for the operation of PK-12 schools including the Early Learning & Research Center, Campus Elementary School, and the Orgel Educational Center (home to University Middle and University High Schools).
- VIII. The subcommittee shall approve any capital improvement investments in new properties identified or obtained in the future for the operations for schools within the ISD.
- IX. The subcommittee shall approve any new school openings or new school partnerships in the ISD.
- X. The subcommittee shall have, at minimum, the same authority and autonomy afforded to LEAs under state law regarding the procurement of goods and services.
  - a. The subcommittee's written procedures for procurement of all goods and services in compliance with expenditure thresholds for competitive bidding outlined or permitted in 49-2-203 are reflected in University Policy [BF4007](#)- Procurement and Contract Services.

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