

## CHAPTER 131.

[H. B. 2.]

## BOARDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

AN ACT relating to and prescribing the powers and duties of boards of directors for public schools, providing for education of physically handicapped adults, providing funds therefor and amending section 4776, Remington's Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 4776, Remington's Revised Statutes, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 4776 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.

Section 4776. Every board of directors, unless otherwise specially provided by law, shall have power and it shall be its duty:

Powers  
and duties of  
directors.

First: To employ for not more than one year, and for sufficient cause to discharge teachers, and to fix, alter, allow and order paid their salaries and compensation. The directors, except in districts of the first class, shall make with each teacher employed by them a written or printed contract, which shall be in conformity with the laws of this state, and every such contract shall be made in duplicate, one copy of which shall be retained by the school district clerk, and the other shall be delivered to the teacher after having been approved and registered by the county superintendent as by law required.

Employment  
of teachers.

Second: To enforce the rules and regulations prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education for the government of schools, pupils and teachers, and to enforce the course of study lawfully prescribed for the schools of their districts.

Enforcement  
of rules and  
regulations.

Third: To rent, repair, furnish and insure school-houses, to employ janitors, laborers and mechanics.

Fourth: To cause all school houses to be properly heated, lighted and ventilated, and to cause all school premises to be maintained in a cleanly and sanitary condition.

Fifth: To purchase personal property in the name of the district and to receive, lease, issue and hold for their district any real or personal property.

Sixth: To suspend or expel pupils from school who refuse to obey the rules thereof, and they shall exclude from school all children under six (6) years of age.

Free text  
books.

Seventh: To provide free text books and supplies to be loaned to the pupils of the school, when in their judgment the best interests of their district will be subserved thereby, and to prescribe such rules and regulations as they shall deem necessary to preserve such books and supplies from unnecessary damage, also to provide for the expenditure of a reasonable amount for suitable commencement exercises.

Eighth: To require all pupils to be furnished with such books as may have been adopted by the lawful authority of this state, as a condition to membership in the schools.

Books  
excluded.

Ninth: To exclude from schools and school libraries all books, tracts, papers and other publications of an immoral or pernicious tendency.

Tenth: To authorize the school room to be used for summer or night schools, or for public, literary, scientific, religious, political, mechanical and agricultural meetings, under such regulations as the board of directors may adopt.

Transporta-  
tion of  
pupils.

Eleventh: To provide and pay for transportation of children to and from school whether such children live within or without the district when in their judgment the best interests of their district will be subserved thereby, but the directors shall not be compelled to transport any pupil living within

two (2) miles of the school house. When children are transported from one school district to another the board of directors of the respective districts may enter into a written contract providing for a division of the cost of such transportation between the districts. Whenever any school children are transported by the school district in its own motor vehicles and by its own employees, the board shall have power to provide insurance to protect the district against loss by reason of theft, fire or property damage to the motor vehicle, and to protect the district against loss by reason of liability of the district to persons from the operation of such motor vehicle; and, in event the transportation of the children is arranged for by contract of the district with some person, the board shall have power to require such contractor to procure liability, property, collision or other insurance for the motor vehicle used in such transportation.

Twelfth: To establish and maintain night schools.

Thirteenth: To make arrangements for free instruction in lip reading to adults handicapped by defective hearing whenever in its judgment such instruction appears to be in the best interests of the school district and adults concerned: *Provided*, That in the apportionment of the current school fund each district maintaining such classes for free instruction in lip reading shall be credited with one full day's attendance for each day's attendance of two hours or more.

Instruction  
in lip  
reading.

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