

Kingsport City Board of Education

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1 The boundaries of Kingsport City Schools are the same as those of the City of Kingsport. The Board
2 governs and oversees a school system officially known as Kingsport City Schools.

3 **AUTHORITY**

4 The Tennessee General Assembly created the Kingsport Board of Education through the Private Act
5 approving the Charter of the City of Kingsport. The Board is fiscally responsible to the Board of
6 Mayor and Aldermen of Kingsport. The Board is the legal agent of the general assembly and its
7 employees are state employees.

8 **BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**

9 The Kingsport Board of Education consists of five (5) members elected by popular vote in the biennial
10 elections of the City of Kingsport. Members are elected at-large for four (4) year staggered terms.

11 **POWERS AND DUTIES**

12 The Board of Education has full power to manage and control the city schools. This power -
13 mandatory, discretionary and implied - and corresponding duties are identified in the Charter of the
14 City of Kingsport and in the Tennessee Code Annotated.

15 The primary duties of the Board are:

16 Planning

17 Policy Making

18 Employment of a Superintendent of Schools

19 Appraisal

20 Interpretation

21 Allocation of Resources

22 Award of Tenure

23 The Board of Education may enter into agreements with adjacent school systems to provide
24 educational services and facilities on a basis of mutual advantage. Such mutual advantage may include

- 1 geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local
- 2 educational facilities and services.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-1-101
2. TCA 49-1-102 (c)
3. TCA 49-1-103
4. TCA 49-6-3104
5. TCA 49-2-203

Cross References

- School System Goals 1.700
- Policy Development and Adoption 1.600
- Fiscal Management Goals 2.100
- Superintendent of Schools 5.800
- Granting Tenure 5.117