

## POWERS

1. The District Board may sue and be sued in the name of the District and may prosecute or defend all suits brought by or against the District.

The individual members of the Board and Administrative Staff of Blackhawk Technical College District shall be held harmless for any liability which they may incur in the normal course of their duties.

2. For the use of District schools, the District Board may:
  - a. Purchase or lease materials, supplies and equipment.
  - b. Purchase or lease suitable land and buildings and rent to others any portion of such land and buildings not needed for school purposes.
  - c. Construct, enlarge and improve buildings. Existing school buildings shall be used as far as practicable.
  - d. All conveyances, leases and contracts shall be in the name of the District.
3. The District Board may enter into contracts to provide educational services to public and private educational institutions, local governmental bodies, federal and state agencies, industries and businesses. It may contract with a foreign government or any business which is not operating in this state, if the District Board can demonstrate that the District will receive a direct and measurable benefit from the contract and that the contract will not result in a reduction in the quality of education at the College. Such contracts are subject to statutory conditions.
4. The District Board may accept gifts, grants and bequests to be used in the execution of its function.
5. The District Board may establish advisory committees representing every occupation in the District.
6. The District Board may provide transportation for students within the District, but no state aid may be paid for this service.

7. The District Board may sell at market value articles manufactured within the College. The proceeds from such sales shall be paid to the district treasurer.
8. The District Board may levy an annual tax on the full value of the taxable property of the District for the purposes of making capital improvements, acquiring equipment, operating and maintaining the schools of the District, and paying principal and interest on valid bonds or notes now or hereafter outstanding as provided in s. 67.035.
9. The District Board may borrow money and levy taxes to be used for the purchase or construction of buildings, enlargements and improvements to buildings, and for acquisition of sites and equipment. The District Board may issue its bonds or promissory notes under ch. 67 to pay the cost thereof.
10. The District Board may establish student activity and incidental fees to fund, in whole or in part, the cost of services and activities offered as support services for regular instruction. With the approval of the WTCS President/State Director, the District Board may establish fees for vocational-adult seminars and workshops, not to exceed the full cost of the seminar or workshop less the fee charged under Wisconsin Stats. 38.24 (1m).
11. The District Board may apply for and spend grant funds from the State Board for displaced homemakers' programs. Such funds may be spent for contracts with local community organizations.
12. The District Board may participate in an initiative to provide coordinated services under s. 59.53(7) and may enter into written interagency agreements or contracts under the initiative, if the county board of supervisors establishes such an initiative.
13. The District Board may establish parking regulations and fees for parking of motor vehicles on property under its jurisdiction.
14. The District Board may assign to each student enrolled in the District a unique identification number which is not identical to or incorporates the student's social security number. This does not prohibit the Board from requiring the student to disclose his or her social security number.
15. The District Board may require an officer or employee of the District Board to give security for the faithful performance of his or her duties in such form and amount as the District Board determines and may require at any time additional bonds and sureties of any officer or employee.

DUTIES

1. Except as otherwise provided by statute, the District Board shall have exclusive control of the District schools established by it and of property acquired for the use of such schools.
2. The District Board shall deposit all money received by it with the District Board Treasurer who shall be accountable for such funds. All expenditures exceeding \$2,500 shall be approved by the District Board.
3. The District Board shall employ and fix compensation of the President/District Director, Administrative, Professional, Paraprofessional and Custodial personnel and other employees as are necessary.
4. The District Board shall publish the proceedings of the District Board meetings within forty-five days after the meeting in the officially designated newspaper of the District.
5. The District Board shall annually authorize an audit of the District, and shall submit the audit report to the Board no later than six months following the end of each fiscal year.
6. The District Board shall prepare its annual budget in compliance with rules promulgated by the State Board under Wis. Stats. 38.04 (11) (a). It shall submit its copy to the State Board by July 1 of each year and shall report any subsequent budget modification to the State Board within 30 days of approval by the District Board.
7. The District Board shall work with regional planning commissions and local authorities to develop a transportation plan for the District schools.
8. The District Board shall establish specific written policies on District matters including all those enumerated under Wis. Stats. 38.04 (14).
9. The District Board shall actively coordinate, with the Department of Public Instruction and public school boards, the responsibility for providing vocational training to pupils attending high school and providing education to persons who have dropped out of high school. Annually by July 1, the District Board shall report to the school boards of every district within the boundaries of the district on the steps the District Board has taken in the previous year to satisfy this responsibility.

10. The District Board shall actively coordinate with institutions within the University of Wisconsin System, the sharing of programs and facilities, including the collegiate transfer program, adult education and evening courses and part-time student and associate degree programs in order to reduce the duplication of such programs and facilities.
11. The District Board shall make available to members of volunteer and paid fire departments maintained by cities, villages and towns located in the District a fire fighter training program. The District Board may not charge a fee for this training.
12. The District Board shall incorporate information on sexual assault and sexual harassment in its orientation program for newly entering students.
13. The District Board shall adopt rules providing nonacademic misconduct disciplinary sanctions for any student who engages in an activity, on district premises or at a district-sponsored event, that constitutes a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.
14. The District Board shall ensure that a student who is a service member, as identified in s. 36.11 (47M) (a), is given priority in registering for courses at the College.
15. If a student must withdraw from school because of being called into active service with the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U. S. Armed Forces, for a period of at least 30 days, the District Board shall, reenroll the student beginning in the semester in which he or she is discharged, demobilized, or deactivated from active duty or the next succeeding semester, whichever the student prefers, shall give the student the same priority in registering for courses that the student would have had if she or she had registered for courses at the beginning of the registration period, and, at the student's request, do one of the following for all courses from which the student had to withdraw: reimburse the student all tuition and fees paid for all courses or grant the student an incomplete in all the courses and permit the student to complete the courses within six (6) months after leaving state service or active service without paying additional tuition and fees.

Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 38.12 (1) – (13); and, 38.14 (1) – (14)  
Wisconsin Statutes 961

Policy Adopted: February 20, 1974

Revised: December 16, 1987; February 16, 2000; March 17, 2004;  
April 19, 2006; July 14, 2008

Reviewed: December 15, 2010

Revised: December 21, 2016