



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3358.08 Powers and duties of board of trustees.

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The board of trustees of a state community college district may:

- (A) Own and operate a state community college;
- (B) Hold, encumber, control, acquire by donation, purchase or condemn, construct, own, lease, use, and sell, real and personal property as necessary for the conduct of the program of the state community college on whatever terms and for whatever consideration may be appropriate for the purpose of the institution;
- (C) Accept gifts, grants, bequests, and devises absolute or in trust for support of the state community college;
- (D) Employ a president, and appoint or approve the appointment of other necessary administrative officers, full-time faculty members, and operating staff. The board may delegate the appointment of operating staff and part-time faculty members to the college president. The board shall fix the rate of compensation of the president and all officers and full-time employees as are necessary and proper for state community colleges.
- (E) Provide for the state community college necessary lands, buildings, or other structures, equipment, means, and appliances;
- (F) Establish within the maximum amounts permitted by law, schedules of fees and tuition for students who are Ohio residents and students who are not. If electors approve a levy under section 3358.11 of the Revised Code for current operating expenses, the board shall charge students who reside in the county in which the tax is levied a lower tuition rate than the rate charged to students who are residents of other counties in the state.
- (G) Grant appropriate degrees to students successfully completing the state community college's



programs, and certificates of achievement to students who complete other programs;

(H) Prescribe policies for the effective operation of the state community college and exercise such other powers as are necessary for the efficient management of the college;

(I) Enter into contracts with neighboring colleges and universities for the conduct of state community college programs or technical courses outside the state community college district;

(J) Purchase:

(1) A policy or policies of insurance insuring the district against loss or damage to property, whether real, personal, or mixed, which is owned by the district or leased by it as lessee or which is in the process of construction by or for the district;

(2) A policy or policies of fidelity insurance in such amounts and covering such trustees, officers, and employees of the district as the board may consider necessary or desirable;

(3) A policy or policies of liability insurance from an insurer or insurers licensed to do business in this state insuring its members, officers, and employees against all civil liability arising from an act or omission by the member, officer, or employee, when the member, officer, or employee is not acting manifestly outside the scope of employment or official responsibilities with the institution, with malicious purpose or bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner, or may otherwise provide for the indemnification of such persons against such liability. All or any portion of the cost, premium, or charge for such a policy or policies or indemnification payment may be paid from any funds under the institution's control. The policy or policies of liability insurance or the indemnification policy of the institution may cover any risks including, but not limited to, damages resulting from injury to property or person, professional liability, and other special risks, including legal fees and expenses incurred in the defense or settlement claims of such damages.

(4) A policy or policies of insurance insuring the district against any liabilities to which it may be subject on account of damage or injury to persons or property, including liability for wrongful death.

Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency



of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.