Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Board are those set forth in the Michigan Community College Act, as amended. The Board may exercise any power enumerated therein, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Locate, acquire, purchase or lease in the name of the district such site or sites within or without the district for College buildings, libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields, playgrounds, stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas, residence halls and supporting facilities as may be necessary; purchase, lease, acquire, erect or build and equip such buildings, structures and other improvements for college or area vocational-technical education buildings, libraries, agricultural farms, athletic fields, playgrounds, stadiums, gymnasiums, auditoriums, parking areas, residence halls and supporting facilities as may be necessary; enter into installment purchase contracts for real or personal property, pay for real or personal property out of the funds of the district provided for that purpose; sell or exchange any real or personal property of the district which is no longer required thereby for college purposes, and give proper deeds, bills of sale or other instruments passing title to the real or personal property.

B. Establish and carry on schools and departments or courses of study and other educational programs as may be consistent with the purposes of the Community College Act, and take over and succeed to the operation of such college or vocational-technical department or departments as may previously have been operated by school districts within the community college district.

C. Establish, equip and maintain agricultural, trade and other vocational-technical departments and to have general control over them for College or area vocational-technical program purposes.

D. Borrow, subject to the provisions of the Revised Municipal Finance Act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, for College purposes including capital expenditures money and on the terms it considers desirable and give notes of the district for those purposes.

E. Borrow, subject to the provisions of the Revised Municipal Finance Act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, money as it considers necessary and issue bonds of the community college district to purchase sites for buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields or agricultural farms, to purchase or erect and equip any building or buildings, that it is authorized to purchase and erect, to make any permanent improvement it is authorized to make.

F. Have the care and custody of all College property and provide suitable facilities, sanitary conditions and medical inspection for the district.
G. Establish and collect tuition and fees for resident and nonresident students. A waiver of tuition shall not be granted by the Board except: a) for a student participating in a reciprocal agreement for exchange of educational services, if the agreement is approved by the State Board of Education, or b) if the student meets admission requirements of the Board and is 60 years of age or older.

H. Establish and maintain or continue a library or museum, which institutions may be separately operated if desired, for the College, if it considers it advisable to do so, and to provide for its or their care and management.

I. Contract with, appoint, and employ a suitable person as President of the College. The person employed as President shall not be a member of the Board and shall possess at least an earned bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. The President shall hold office for a term fixed by the Board, not to exceed 5 years, shall perform duties as the Board may determine, and shall make reports in writing to the Board and to the Department of Education annually, or more often if required, in regard to all matters pertaining to the educational interests of the district.

J. Select and employ other administrative officers, teachers, and other employees and engage services as necessary to effectuate its purposes.

K. Delegate to the President of the College the Board’s authority to do any of the following:
   a. Select and employ personnel of the College;
   b. Pay claims and demands against the College;
   c. Purchase, lease or otherwise acquire personal property for the College;
   d. Invest College funds; and
   e. Subject to terms and conditions established by the Board, accept contributions, capital grants, gifts, donations, services, or other financial assistance from any public or private entity.

L. Appoint and employ a business manager responsible to the President of the College for the district and fix his or her term of office.

M. Certify to the Treasurer of the community college district for payment out of the funds thereof all claims and demands against the Board or the district, which shall be allowed by the Board under rules and regulations it may establish.

N. Borrow money or other property and accept contributions, capital grants, gifts, donations, services or other financial assistance from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof.
O. Accept private property by gift or devise. This may be from any county, township or other governmental unit any contribution authorized by its governing body as provided in sections 791 to 795 of Act No. 269 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, being sections 340.791 to 340.795 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

P. Receive from the state all grants of state aid, in the same manner and proportion, as any other community college.

Q. Adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of the Board and for the control and government of the community college district.

R. Acquire and hold in the name of the district all real property and improvements acquired and erected under the provisions of the Community College Act.

S. Issue bonds and levy taxes in accordance with the Community College Act.

T. To do all other things in its judgment necessary for the proper establishment, maintenance, management and carrying on of the College.

U. Under Michigan law, the College is permitted to offer baccalaureate degrees in four applied and technical programs: concrete technology, maritime technology, culinary arts, and energy production technology. While the College does not offer these programs, the Board has the authority to create them in the future.

Authority: MCL, §389.121, §389.122, §389.123, §389.124, §389.125, §389.126, §389.127, §389.121(d)

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