

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-09-33, 15.1-09-48, and 15.1-09-50 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to powers of the board of education of the city of Fargo.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-09-33. School board - Powers.** The board of a school district may:

- 7 1. Establish a system of free public schools for all children of legal school age  
8 residing within the district.
- 9 2. Organize, establish, operate, and maintain elementary, middle, and high schools.
- 10 3. Have custody and control of all school district property ~~and, in the case of the~~  
11 ~~board of education of the city of Fargo, to have custody and control of all public~~  
12 ~~school property in the city and to manage and control all school matters.~~
- 13 4. Acquire real property and construct school buildings and other facilities.
- 14 5. Relocate or discontinue schools and liquidate the assets of the district as required  
15 by law; provided no site may be acquired or building constructed, or no school may  
16 be organized, established, operated, maintained, discontinued, or changed in  
17 location without the approval of the state board of public school education if outside  
18 the boundary of the district.
- 19 6. Purchase, sell, exchange, and improve real property.
- 20 7. Lease real property for a maximum of one year except in the case of a career and  
21 technical education facility constructed in whole or in part with financing acquired  
22 under chapter 40-57, which may be leased for up to twenty years.
- 23 8. Exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire real property for school  
24 purposes.

- 1           9.    Purchase, sell, exchange, and if appropriate, improve school equipment, furniture,  
2               supplies, and textbooks.
- 3           10.   Recruit or contract with others to recruit homes and facilities which provide  
4               boarding care for special education students.
- 5           11.    Provide dormitories for the boarding care of special education students.
- 6           12.    Insure school district property.
- 7           13.    Independently or jointly with other school districts, purchase telecommunications  
8               equipment or lease a telecommunications system or network.
- 9           14.    Provide for the education of students by another school district.
- 10          15.    Contract with federal officials for the education of students in a federal school.
- 11          16.    Prescribe courses of study in addition to those prescribed by the superintendent of  
12               public instruction or by law.
- 13          17.    Adopt rules regarding the instruction of students, including their admission,  
14               transfer, organization, grading, and government.
- 15          18.    Join the North Dakota high school activities association and pay membership fees.
- 16          19.    Adopt alternative curricula for high school seniors who require fewer than four  
17               academic units.
- 18          20.    Contract with, employ, and compensate school district personnel.
- 19          21.    Contract with and provide reimbursement for the provision of teaching services by  
20               an individual certified as an instructor in the areas of North Dakota American Indian  
21               languages and culture by the education standards and practices board.
- 22          22.    Suspend school district personnel.
- 23          23.    Dismiss school district personnel for cause.
- 24          24.    Participate in group insurance plans and pay all or part of the insurance premiums.
- 25          25.    Contract for the services of a district superintendent, provided that the contract,  
26               which may be renewed, does not exceed a period of three years.
- 27          26.    Contract for the services of a principal.
- 28          27.    Employ a school district business manager.
- 29          28.    Suspend or dismiss a school district business manager for cause without prior  
30               notice.

29. Suspend or dismiss a school district business manager without cause with thirty days' written notice.
30. Defray the necessary and contingent expenses of the board.
31. Levy a tax upon property in the district for school purposes.
32. Amend and certify budgets and tax levies, as provided in title 57.
33. Pay membership dues to county and state associations.
34. Designate, at its annual meeting, a newspaper of general circulation as the official newspaper of the district.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-48 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-09-48. Board of education of city of Fargo - Tax collection.** The board of education of the city of Fargo has the power to levy taxes within the boundaries of the Fargo public school district and to cause such taxes to be collected in the same manner as other city taxes. The board of education shall cause the rate for each purpose to be certified by the business manager to the city auditor in time to be added to the annual tax list of the city. It is the duty of the city auditor to calculate and extend upon the annual assessment roll and tax list any tax levied by the board of education. The tax must be collected as other city taxes are collected. If the city council fails to levy any tax for city purposes or fails to cause an assessment roll or tax list to be made, the board of education may cause an assessment roll and tax list to be made and submit the roll to the city auditor with a warrant for the collection of the tax. The board of education may cause the tax to be collected in the same manner as other city taxes are collected or as otherwise provided by resolution of the board.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-50 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-09-50. Board of education of city of Fargo - Powers.** In addition to the powers granted to all school boards by section 15.1-09-33, the board of education of the city of Fargo has the power and duty:

1. To organize, establish, and maintain schools ~~in the city and~~ within the boundaries of the Fargo public school district; to change and discontinue the schools; and to liquidate the assets of the discontinued schools ~~outside the district boundaries~~, as authorized by the state board of public school education.

- 1           2.    To lease houses or rooms for school purposes, lease lots or sites for schools, and  
2                fence real property.
- 3           3.    To build, enlarge, alter, improve, and repair schools and appurtenances upon lots  
4                or sites now owned or leased for school purposes.
- 5           4.    To provide, sell, exchange, improve, and repair school apparatus, books for indigent  
6                students, and appendages.
- 7           5.    To provide fuel and other supplies for the schools.
- 8           6.    To have the custody and safekeeping of the schools, books, furniture, and  
9                appurtenances and to see that local ordinances regarding schools are observed.
- 10          7.    To compensate teachers out of the money appropriated and provided by law for  
11               the support of the public schools ~~in the city~~ within the boundaries of the district so  
12               far as the same is sufficient, and to pay any remainder due from the money raised  
13               as authorized by this chapter.
- 14          8.    To have the control and management of the public schools ~~of the city~~ within the  
15               boundaries of the district and from time to time to adopt rules for their good order,  
16               prosperity, and utility.
- 17          9.    To prepare and report to the mayor and the city council ordinances and regulations  
18               necessary for the protection, safekeeping, and care of the schools, lots, sites, and  
19               appurtenances and all the property belonging to the city, connected with and  
20               appertaining to the schools, and to suggest proper penalties for the violation of  
21               ordinances and regulations.