

1 **Bigfork School District #38**

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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Legal Status, Operation and Organization

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7 The legal name of this District is Bigfork School District #38, Flathead County, State of Montana. The
8 District is classified as a class two (II) district and is operated according to the laws and administrative
9 rules pertaining to a class two (II) district.

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11 The Board of Trustees of Bigfork School District #38 is the governmental entity established by the state
12 of Montana and constitutionally charged of the supervision and control of all aspects of the District’s
13 operations.

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15 To achieve its primary goal of providing each child with a basic system of free quality education as
16 required by Montana Law, the Board shall exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state.
17 Its legal powers, duties, and responsibilities are derived from the Montana Constitution and state statutes
18 and administrative rules.

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20 Policies of the District define and frame the manner via which the District conducts its official business.
21 The policies of the District are modified/updated from time to time to reflect the operation of the District.

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23 The Bigfork School District #38 maintains the Bigfork Elementary and Bigfork High Schools. Policy
24 overrides handbooks if conflicts arise.

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26 The District(s) constitute the taxable basis for purposes of construction, operation, and maintenance of the
27 Bigfork Elementary and Bigfork High School.

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29 All handbooks approved by the Board are regarded as and given the same significance as District policy.

30	Legal Reference:	§ 20-3-323, MCA	District policy and record of acts
31		§ 20-3-324, MCA	Powers and duties
32		§ 20-6-101, MCA	Definition of elementary and high school districts
33		§ 20-6-201, MCA	Elementary district classification
34		§ 20-6-301, MCA	High school district classification
35		§ 20-9-309, MCA	Basic system of free quality public elementary and
36			secondary schools defined – identifying educationally
37			relevant factors – establishment of funding formula and
38			budgetary structure – legislative review
39		Article X, Section 8,	MT Constitution
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43 Policy History:

44 Adopted on: 7/21/1994

45 Revised on: 11/20/2003

46 First reading on: 9/8/21

47 Second reading on: 10/13/21

48 Third reading/Adopted on: 11/10/21