

THE CONSTITUTION OF LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PREAMBLE

Believing in the desirability of connected efforts to provide Christian instruction, we do hereby make and adopt the following Constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I

The organization shall be known as the Lansing Christian School Association, and the schools shall be known as Lansing Christian School.

ARTICLE II

BASIS

The basis of the organization and of its instruction is the infallible Word of God. The Doctrinal Statement follows:

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, the source, support and end of all things, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His Virgin Birth; in His sinless life; in His miracles; in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to provide for and give the youth of the community that weekday instruction which is in agreement with Article II, and which is necessary if they as children of God are to occupy their places worthily in society, church and state.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

The following persons are members of the Association:

1. All parents and guardians of children attending Lansing Christian School.
2. All regularly scheduled full and part-time employees of Lansing Christian School who have signed the Doctrinal Statement.

The following persons may also become members of the Association:

All interested members of the Christian community who have been approved by the School Board – based on both time and financial commitments to the school, a signed copy of the Doctrinal Statement on file in the Superintendent's office and a written membership request. Community membership shall be reviewed annually by the School Board.

A current membership list shall be kept by the Secretary of the School Board for the purpose of certifying members entitled to vote on any Association matter.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in November each year. At the Annual Meeting the Board Chairperson shall ensure a report be rendered to the activity and progress of the School during the past year; the administration shall make a report of the financial condition of the school including the results of the prior fiscal year and anticipated adjustments needed in the current year to maintain a balanced budget. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30. (Amended November, 2005)
2. In addition to the Annual Meeting, a meeting shall be held in the month of May for the election of School Board members and for the presentation of and vote on the budget for the following fiscal year. (Amended November, 2005)

3. Special meeting may be called at any time by the School Board or by the Board Chairperson. The Board Chairperson shall call a special meeting whenever it is requested in writing by at least one-fourth of the Association members of record. Such requests must state the reasons for calling the meeting.
4. All meetings of the Association shall include prayer and the reading of Scripture.
5. Written notice of all Association meetings shall be sent at least two weeks prior to the meeting. When such notice has been sent, those members of record who appear at the time and place specified for the meeting shall constitute a quorum.
6. The election of School Board members shall be made by ballot unless otherwise decided at the meeting.
7. The majority (that is, half of the votes cast, plus one) shall rule in all cases, except where otherwise required by this Constitution or by Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Lansing Christian School Association Board of Trustees shall be known as the Lansing Christian School Board and shall consist of nine persons. Each School Board Member shall be elected for a term of three years, serving from July 1 through June 30, thus allowing for election of three Board members each year. No Board member may be elected to more than two consecutive terms unless the member has been off the Board for at least one year.
2. Qualified candidates (as many as two) for each vacancy shall be nominated by the School Board. In addition, nominations may be made by petition of twenty-five signatures of members of record. Such nominations shall be received by the Superintendent's office at least three weeks prior to the May Association meeting. Such nominations shall receive the same publicity as nominations by the Board. (Amended November, 2005)
3. Each candidate for the School Board must be a member in good standing of a Christian church as well as an Association member with a signed copy of the Doctrinal Statement on file in the Superintendent's office.
4. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by School board appointment to complete the term of office. (Amended November, 2005)
5. The School Board shall meet at least once a month at a place and time established by the Board.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board shall perform the following duties:

1. Upon the basis of the Constitution of this Association, determine the various school policies.
2. Select a superintendent who is qualified to carry out the Mission and purpose of Lansing Christian School, as well as its school policies.
3. Devise ways and means for obtaining the necessary funds for the operation of the school, and determine how these funds shall be distributed.
4. Establish an annual operating budget.
5. Promote the cause of Christian education in the community.

ARTICLE VIII

THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD AND THEIR DUTIES

1. At the first meeting of the new Board, the Board shall elect out of its midst, for one year, the following officers: Chairperson and Secretary.
2. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to preside at all meetings of the Board and the Association, to appoint Board committee members and to ensure adherence to this Constitution.
3. The Secretary or a Board Member of the Board's choosing shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence or disability.
4. The Secretary shall be responsible for the official documents of the Association, conduct all Board correspondence and enter into the records of the association the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board after they have been approved. The Secretary shall keep a current membership list of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Committees will be those determined by the board as necessary to meet its responsibilities and conduct its affairs.

ARTICLE X

FACULTY AND STAFF

All members of the faculty and staff must declare their unconditional acceptance of the basis and purpose of the organization as expressed in Articles II and III of this Constitution; they must be members of a church whose doctrine is in agreement with these articles; they must be spiritually sound in their teaching, and lead a Christian life. The substance of this article shall be made a part of all contracts entered into with members of the faculty and staff.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Association, provided that two weeks previous notice has been sent to each member stating the desired change. Articles II, III, and XI are not subject to change except by the unanimous vote of all the members of the Association.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

In any case of dissolution of the Association, the property and monies belonging to the Association as a body shall be donated, after payment of all debts and obligations, to such a Christian educational cause as the Board may direct.

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