

**136F.90 BOARD OF TRUSTEES DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Duties.** For state colleges and universities, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may:

(1) acquire by purchase or otherwise, construct, complete, remodel, equip, operate, control, and manage residence halls, dormitories, dining halls, student union buildings, parking facilities, and any other similar revenue-producing buildings of such type and character as the board finds necessary for the good and benefit of state colleges and universities, and may acquire property whether real, personal, or mixed, by gift, purchase, or otherwise; provided that no contract for the construction of any building shall be entered into until financing has been approved by the legislature;

(2) maintain and operate any buildings or structures and charge for their use, and conduct any activities that are commonly conducted in connection with the buildings or structures;

(3) enter into contracts for the purposes of sections 136F.90 to 136F.98;

(4) acquire building sites and buildings or structures by gift, purchase, or otherwise and pledge the revenues from them for the payment of any bonds issued for that purpose as provided in sections 136F.90 to 136F.98;

(5) borrow money and issue and sell bonds in an amount or amounts the legislature authorizes for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, completing, remodeling, or equipping any buildings or structures, and acquiring sites, and refund and refinance the bonds by the issuance and sale of refunding bonds when the board finds that it is in the public interest. The bonds shall be sold and issued by the board in the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided by chapter 475, except as otherwise provided in this section. The bonds are payable only from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the revenues to be derived from the operation of any buildings or structures acquired, constructed, completed, remodeled, or equipped in whole or in part with the proceeds of the bonds and from other income and revenues described in section 136F.92, clause (1), the board by resolution specifies, and notwithstanding this limitation all bonds issued under sections 136F.90 to 136F.98 shall have the qualities of negotiable instruments under the laws of this state. The legislature shall not appropriate money from the general fund to pay for these bonds.

Subd. 2. **Form.** The bonds may:

(1) bear the date or dates;

(2) mature serially at a time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date or dates;

(3) be in the form;

- (4) carry the registration privileges;
- (5) be payable at a place or places;
- (6) be subject to terms of redemption prior to maturity with or without premium;
- (7) be delivered to the purchasers at times and places; and
- (8) contain terms and covenants, consistent with section 136F.98, all as may be provided by resolution of the board authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

Subd. 3. **Execution.** The bonds must be executed by the officers of the board designated by the board to execute them, in the manner authorized by section 475.55.

Subd. 4. **Bond statement; registration.** Each bond shall state upon its face that it is payable solely from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the revenues derived from the operation of any buildings or structures acquired, constructed, completed, remodeled, or equipped in whole or in part with the proceeds of the sale of the bonds and from other income and revenues described in section 136F.92, clause (1), as specified in the resolution providing for its issue, and that it does not constitute a debt or obligation of the state of Minnesota within the meaning or application of any constitutional or statutory limitation or provision. A copy of the proceedings taken by the board in the issuance of the bonds shall be filed with the commissioner of finance.

Subd. 5. **Bond securities.** If the board by resolution determines that its treasurer possesses money not currently needed, or that is set aside in a reserve, the board in the resolution may direct the treasurer to invest a specified amount of the money in securities of the types described in section 118A.04. The securities must be deposited with and held for the board by the treasurer. If the invested money is needed by the board it shall direct the treasurer to sell all or a designated amount of the securities. Money collected from the investment by the treasurer, as principal, interest, or proceeds of sales, must be credited to and made a part of the fund and account for which the investment is made.

Subd. 6. **Payment of interest; outstanding revenue bonds.** Except as provided in this subdivision, the board may irrevocably appropriate and use any money, other than direct state appropriations and tuition receipts appropriated by section 136F.71, subdivision 1, held by it to discharge or otherwise provide for the payment of the interest coming due on its revenue bonds outstanding on July 1, 1988, until paid and for the payment of the principal and any premium coming due on the bonds at maturity or upon any earlier date upon which the bonds are called for redemption. For this purpose, the board may exercise all powers conferred upon it under section 475.67, subdivisions 5 to 10. This subdivision does not authorize the appropriation or use of board money to secure outstanding revenue bonds contrary to a board resolution authorizing the

issuance and providing for the security of the bonds, or the use of other board money contrary to the terms of a contract, specific legislative appropriation, or law.

**History:** *1955 c 715 s 1; 1957 c 576 s 1,2; 1957 c 603 s 1; 1965 c 331 s 3-5; 1967 c 140 s 1; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1975 c 321 s 2; 1978 c 706 s 50; 1988 c 703 art 1 s 13; 1989 c 293 s 16,17; 1990 c 610 art 2 s 3; 1994 c 532 art 6 s 1,12; 1995 c 212 art 4 s 58,64; 1996 c 399 art 2 s 12; 2008 c 298 s 20*