

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7373, April 10, 1992]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EASTERN VISAYAS SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a science high school to be known as the Eastern Visayas Science High School.

SEC. 2. The purpose of the said high school shall be to offer, free on a scholarship basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on the sciences and mathematics to prepare its students for science and technology careers.

SEC. 3. The head of this high school shall be known as the Director of the Eastern Visayas Science High School. He or she shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, subject to the approval of the Board. His compensation shall be fixed by the same Board. He shall not be removed from office except for cause. His functions, powers and duties in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public high school.

SEC. 4. The Eastern Visayas Science High School shall have the general powers set out in Section Thirty-six of *Batas Pambansa Blg. 68*, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines, approved on May 1, 1980, and the exercise of its corporate powers is hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and in the Director of the high school insofar as authorized by said Board.

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, who shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Board; the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, who shall be *ex officio* Vice-Chairman; and the following members: the President of the University of the Philippines, the Director of the Philippine Science High School, the Director of the Eastern Visayas Science High School, the President of the Faculty Association, the President of the Parent's Association, and the President of the Student Council of the Eastern Visayas Science High School, all as *ex officio* members.

At such time that there shall have been organized an Eastern Visayas Science High School Alumni Association, the President of the Alumni Association shall also be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees.

The Undersecretary or Assistant Secretary of Science and Technology and the Undersecretary or Assistant Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, designated by their respective department secretaries shall, in the absence of the heads of their respective departments, act as *ex officio* chairman and *ex officio* vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, respectively. The other *ex officio* members in their absence

shall designate representatives to sit on the Board of Trustees in their behalf.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the Eastern Visayas Science High School all the powers and prerogatives of the board of directors of a private corporation.

It shall also have the following powers and duties:

- a. To fix the site of the Eastern Visayas Science High School in Tacloban City or in Palo, Leyte;
- b. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the high school;
- c. To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director in connection with the employment of professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the high school, subject to the provisions of Section Eleven of this Act; to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment; and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;
- d. To approve the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as hereinafter provided;
- e. To provide fellowships for faculty members and approve the grant of scholarships, stipends and such other allowances to deserving students;
- f. To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- g. To provide its own rules of procedures and to prescribe for the administration of the high school such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the high school as defined in Section Two of this Act;
- h. To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine for the benefit of the high school or for aid to any of its students; and
- i. To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among other criteria, competitive examinations among graduates of elementary schools in Region VIII-Eastern Visayas only.

SEC. 6. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the director or secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. On or before the fifteenth day of July of each year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, and to both Houses of Congress, an annual report setting forth the progress, condition and needs of the high school.

SEC. 8. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Director, the heads of departments, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the high school as may be determined by the Director.

The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students to be admitted to the high school; to select students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends