

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3661, June 22, 1963 ]**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PHILIPPINE 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 high school to be known as the "Philippine Science High School."

SEC. 2. The purpose of the said high school shall be to offer on a free scholarship basis a secondary course with special emphasis on subjects pertaining to the sciences with the end in view of preparing its students for a science career.

SEC. 3. The head of this high school shall be known as the Director of the Philippine Science High School. He shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to the approval and his compensation shall be fixed by, the Board of Trustees. He shall not be removed therefrom except for the 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 Philippine Science High School shall have the general powers set out in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended, 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 Chairman of the National Science Development Board, who shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Board, the Secretary of Education, who shall be *ex officio* Vice-Chairman, and the following members; the President of the University of the Philippines, the Chairman of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, the President of the Science Foundation of the Philippines, the Director of the Philippine Science High School, all as *ex officio* members representative from the American-Philippine Science Foundation, Inc., to be designated by its President, two representatives from scientific and technological associations or societies, one member representing industry and one member representing agriculture. All the members who are not receiving regular compensation from the government shall receive a *per diem* of fifty pesos each per session of the Board.

The members of the Board representing scientific and technological associations or societies, industry, and agriculture shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Two of them shall serve for six years, one for four years, and one for two years.

The Vice-Chairman of the National Science Development Board and the Undersecretary of Education shall, in the absence of the heads of their respective agencies, act as *ex officio* Chairman and *ex officio* Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, respectively.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the Philippine Science High School all the powers and prerogatives of a board of directors of a private corporation. It shall also have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To fix the site of the Science High School;
- (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 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 herein-after provided;
- (e) To provide fellowship 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 procedure, 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 others, national competitive examinations.

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 of June of each year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the President and Congress of the Philippines a detailed 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 power to screen and select the students to be admitted to the High School; to select students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends and other allowances; and to develop the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline, all subject to the approval of the Board. The Council shall have the exclusive power to recommend students eligible for graduation. Through the Director it shall have disciplinary power over the students. The Council shall implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board of Trustees and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board