

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Membership

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of 9 members. The powers and duties of the Board include the broad authority to adopt and enforce all policies necessary for the management and government of the public schools. Except as otherwise provided by law, trustees shall hold office for terms of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of trustees shall be staggered as provided by law.

All trustees shall participate on an equal basis with other members in all business transactions pertaining to the high school maintained by the District. Only those trustees elected from the elementary district may participate in business transactions pertaining to the elementary schools maintained by the District. Official action by Board members must occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting. "Meeting" is defined as the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of the Board, whether in person or by means of electronic equipment, to hear, discuss, or act upon a matter over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

School Board members, as individuals, have no authority over school affairs, except as provided by law or as authorized by the Board.

Legal References:	§ 2-3-202, MCA	Meeting defined
	§ 20-3-301, MCA	Election and term of office
	§ 20-3-302, MCA	Legislative intent to elect less than majority of trustees
	§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification and nomination
	§ 20-3-306, MCA	Conduct of election
	§ 20-3-307, MCA	Qualification and oath
	§ 20-3-341, MCA	Number of trustee positions in elementary districts – transition
	§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nominating of candidates by petition in first-class elementary district
	§ 20-3-351, MCA	Number of trustee positions in high school districts
	§ 20-3-352, MCA	Request and determination of number of high school district additional trustee positions – nonvoting trustee
	§ 20-3-361, MCA	Joint board of trustees organization and voting membership

Policy History:

Adopted on: August 1998

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