

Membership and Taking Office

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) members. The Board's powers and duties include the broad authority to adopt and enforce all necessary policies 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 school 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.

A newly-elected trustee shall take office as soon as the election results have been certified and the newly-elected trustee has taken and subscribed to an oath that he/she will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office to the best of his/her ability. Such oath shall be filed with the county superintendent within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the certificate of election.

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

Legal References:	§ 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	Candidates and qualifications
	§ 20-3-307, MCA	Qualification and oath
	§ 20-3-341, MCA	Number of trustee positions in elementary school districts
	§ 20-3-376, MCA	Conduct of election
	§ 20-7-344, MCA	Nominating of candidates
	§ 20-1-202, MCA	Oath of Office

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