

201.5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

Qualifications of Board Candidates

Serving on the Board of Directors is an honor and privilege. Its rewards are the respect from the community, students, and employees, and the satisfaction from knowing each Board member contributed to the success of the children in the school district community. Only those who are willing to put forth the effort to care and to make a difference should consider running for a position on the Board.

Individuals who are willing to serve on the Board believe public education is important, support the democratic process, willingly devote time and energy to Board work, respect educators, and have the ability to examine facts and make a decision. The Board believes an individual considering a position on the School Board should possess these characteristics.

Citizens wanting to run for a position on the Board must be a citizen of the school district, an eligible elector of the district, and free from a financial conflict of interest with the position.

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members and shall be elected at large.

Oath of Office

Each Board member must pledge to uphold the Iowa and the United States Constitution and carry out the responsibilities of the office to the best of the Board member's ability.

Each newly elected member will take the oath of office prior to any action taken as a school official. The oath of office shall be taken by each new Board member elected at the annual school election at or before the organizational meeting of the Board. In the event of an appointment or special election to fill a vacancy, the new Board member shall take the oath of office within ten days of the appointment or election.

Board members elected to the office of the board will also take the same oath of office but replacing the office of a board member with the title of the office to which they were elected.

The oath of office is administered by the board secretary and does not need to be given at a board meeting. In the event the board secretary is absent, the oath is administered by another board member.

"Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Iowa, and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of _____ (naming the office) in _____ (naming the district) as now and hereafter required by law?"

LEGAL REF: Iowa Code §§ 63; 68B; 277.4, .27; 279.7A
Iowa Code §§ 277.28; 279.1, .6.