

A. QUALIFICATIONS

There is a basic concept of responsibility attached to service as a member of this board of education. Board members are individually and collectively trustees; they serve as trustees of our community's children. More specifically, the "estate" which members of this board hold "in trust" is (1) the present welfare of our children and community as it may be enhanced by a program of public education; and (2) the future welfare of our community, state and nation as the children in school today become the responsible adults of tomorrow.

In terms of this concept, this board of education is responsible to our community at-large and also to the State of North Carolina. This responsibility looms large, and it is one which can be filled best by persons of sound judgment, broad vision, dedication to the interest of education and unselfish concern for the public welfare.

As elected representatives of the public, board members are expected to be free from prejudice, bias or commitment to special interests.

Any person possessing the qualifications for election to public office as provided for in Article VI, Section 6 of the Constitution of North Carolina and who is a qualified voter and resident of the election district from which he/she seeks to be elected is eligible to serve as a member of the board of education.

Any person elected or appointed to the board and also employed by the board will resign his/her employment before taking office as a member of the board.

B. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The board of education will consist of eleven members. All terms will be for six years with the terms staggered so that no more than four will expire every two years.

C. METHOD OF ELECTION

All elections are nonpartisan and are to be held at the time of the November general election in odd-numbered years.

The elections shall be held and conducted by the Randolph County Board of Elections under the same provisions of the General Statutes which are applicable to the election of municipal officers in the City of Asheboro.

D. OATH OF OFFICE

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation at the regular December meeting of the board of education following their election:

“I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Asheboro City Board of Education to the best of my ability.”

If a board member enters into the duties of his or her office before taking, subscribing and filing the oath of office, he or she will be ejected from office.

Legal References: N.C. Const., art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; 115C-35; -37, Local Modification, Randolph County: 1967, c. 739; 1973

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