

3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

5 Membership

7 The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) members. The Board’s  
8 powers and duties include the broad authority to adopt and enforce all necessary policies for the  
9 management and government of the public schools within the District. Except as otherwise  
10 provided by law, trustees shall hold office for terms of three (3) years, or until their successors  
11 are elected and qualified. Terms of trustees shall be staggered as provided by law.

13 Official action by Board members must occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting.  
14 “Meeting” is defined as the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of the Board,  
15 whether in person or by means of electronic equipment, to hear, to discuss, or act upon a matter  
16 over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

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

20 Legal References:

- 21 §20-3-301, MCA Election and term of office
- 22 §20-3-302, MCA Legislative intent to elect less than majority of trustees
- 23 §20-3-305, MCA Candidates and qualifications
- 24 §20-3-306, MCA Conduct of Election
- 25 §20-3-307, MCA Qualification and oath
- 26 §20-3-341, MCA Number of trustee positions in elementary school districts
- 27 §20-3-351, MCA Number of trustee positions in a high school district
- 28 §20-3-352, MCA Request and determination of number of high school district additional  
29 trustee positions
- 30 §20-3-361, MCA Joint Board of Trustees organization and voting membership

32 Policy History:

- 33 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
- 34 Revised on: November 11, 2019