

Descriptor Term:
BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

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2.1100

Legal References: N.C. Const., art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; G.S. 115C-35 -37

Cross References:

A. QUALIFICATIONS

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 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 must 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 seven members. All terms will be for four years with the terms staggered so that as nearly equal to one-half as possible will expire every two years. All elections are nonpartisan and are to be held at the time of the November general election in even-numbered years.

C. OATH OF OFFICE

Before taking office, all newly elected board members shall take and sign the following oath or affirmation on or before the next regular board meeting following his/her election:

"I, [name of board member], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Catawba County Board of Education to the best of my ability."

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

D. CHAIRMAN

The board shall elect a chairman at its regular scheduled meeting in December. He/She shall serve for a period of one year or until his/her successor has been named by the board.

E. VICE-CHAIRMAN

The board shall elect a vice-chairman at its regular scheduled meeting in December. He/She shall serve for a period of one year or until a successor has been named by the board.

F. SECRETARY

The superintendent shall serve as ex-officio secretary to the board.