

**Lewistown School District**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Membership

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) 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 high 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.

**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	Candidate qualification and nomination
	20-3-306, MCA	Conduct of election
	20-3-307, MCA	Qualification and oath
	20-3-341, MCA	Number of trustee positions in elementary districts - transition
	20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class elementary district
	20-3-351, MCA	Number of trustee positions in high school districts
	20-3-352, MCA	Request and determination of number of high school district additional trustee positions - nonvoting trustee
	20-3-361, MCA	Joint board of trustees organization and voting membership

Policy History:

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