

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

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MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Number. The Board shall consist of seven Trustees. (NRS 386.120[a])

Section 2 – Qualifications. Each Trustee of the Board shall meet the following qualifications:

- a. He/She shall be a qualified elector and possess the qualifications of residence within the school trustee election area of the county school district for the office for which he/she seeks election. (NRS 386.240)
- b. He/She shall not be financially interested directly or indirectly in any contract with or claim against the Board, except as provided by law. (NRS 332.155, NRS 386.305)
- c. He/She shall before entering the duties of his/her office take and subscribe *to* the oaths prescribed by statute and file a copy *of* the same with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (NRS 386.300)

Section 3 –Election. Election of Board Trustees shall be in accordance with law. (NRS 386.260, NRS 386.200)

Section 4 – Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Trustees at a public meeting held after such meeting is published at least twice during a two-week period in the newspaper qualified pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 238 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall have the qualifications specified at Article IV, Section 2, and shall serve until the next general election at which time his/her successor shall be elected for the balance of the unexpired term. (NRS 386.270)

Section 5 – Term. The term of each Board Trustee shall be four years. (NRS 386.160).

Section 6 – Removal. Whenever a Trustee shall cease to be a bona fide resident of the school trustee election area, his/her membership shall cease immediately. Any resignation of a Trustee shall become effective upon the presentation of the written resignation to the Board duly convened.

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Section 7 - Compensation. A Trustee shall receive compensation for his/her services in accordance with law, (NRS 386.320) and travel expenses and necessary living expenses for each Trustee living more than five miles from the place where Board meetings are held shall be allowed at the rate authorized by law for state officers, (NRS 386.290) and expenses of a Board Trustee incurred in the performance of special duties prescribed by the Board shall be reimbursed upon the approval of the Board. (NRS 386.345, NRS 387.319)

Section 8 – Group Insurance. A Trustee must not be excluded from participating in the group life, accident, or health insurance plan or any combination thereof that is provided for the benefit of the district's employees and the district must purchase such policies for Trustees. (NRS 287.010)

Section 9 - Orientation. The Board believes that the preparation of each Trustee for the performance of Board duties is essential to the effectiveness of the Board's functioning. The Board shall encourage each new Trustee to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the schools, and learn Board procedures. Accordingly, the Board shall give to each new Trustee a copy of the Board policy manual, the NRS Section affecting education, each current negotiated agreement, these bylaws, and the School Board Code of Ethics. Each new Trustee shall also be invited to meet with the Superintendent and Board President to discuss Board functions, policy, and procedure.

Section 10 - Right to Know. No Board Trustee shall be denied facts or materials required for the proper performance of the duties of his/her office. If, in the opinion of the Superintendent, a Board Trustee's request for facts and information is administratively unreasonable, the Superintendent may withhold said facts or materials until a ruling is made by the Board.

Section 11 – Term Limits. Trustees are subject to the twelve-year term limit as prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Nevada, Article 15, Section 3.

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