

**Billings School District**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Membership

Billings Elementary School District 2 is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) members. Billings High School District 2 is governed by the same seven (7) Elementary Board members plus two (2) Board members elected from outlying areas in the High School District. Powers and duties of the Board as referenced in MCA 20-3-323 include broad authority to adopt and enforce all policies necessary for the management and government of Billings 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.

Governance

All trustees shall participate on an equal basis with other trustees in the governance of the high schools maintained by the District. Only those trustees elected from the elementary district may participate in the governance of the elementary schools 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 or telephonic equipment, to hear, to discuss, or to 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.

<u>Legal References:</u>	§ 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
	§ 20-3-323, MCA	District policy and record of acts
	§ 20-3-324, MCA	Powers and duties
	§ 20-3-341, MCA	Number of trustee positions in elementary districts – transition
	§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nominating 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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