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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Membership

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7 The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) members. The powers and  
8 duties of the Board include the broad authority to adopt and enforce all policies necessary for the  
9 management and government of the public schools. Except as otherwise provided by law,  
10 trustees shall hold office for terms of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and  
11 qualified. Terms of trustees shall be staggered as provided by law.

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13 All trustees shall participate on an equal basis with other members in all business transactions  
14 pertaining to the high school maintained by the District. Only those trustees elected from the  
15 elementary district may participate in business transactions pertaining to the elementary schools  
16 maintained by the District. Official action by Board members must occur at a duly called and  
17 legally conducted meeting. "Meeting" is defined as the convening of a quorum of the constituent  
18 membership of the Board, whether in person or by means of electronic equipment, to hear,  
19 discuss, or act upon a matter over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or  
20 advisory power.

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22 **Board members, as individuals, have no authority over school affairs, except as provided**  
23 **by law or as authorized by the Board.**

24	Legal References:	§ 2-3-202, MCA	Meeting defined
25		§ 20-3-301, MCA	Election and term of office
26		§ 20-3-302, MCA	Legislative intent to elect less than majority of
27			trustees
28		§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification and nomination
29		§ 20-3-306, MCA	Conduct of election
30		§ 20-3-307, MCA	Qualification and oath
31		§ 20-3-341, MCA	Number of trustee positions in elementary districts
32			– transition
33		§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class
34			elementary district
35		§ 20-3-351, MCA	Number of trustee positions in high school districts
36		§ 20-3-352, MCA	Request and determination of number of high
37			school district additional trustee positions –
38			nonvoting trustee
39		§ 20-3-361, MCA	Joint board of trustees organization and voting
40			membership
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43 Policy History:

44 Adopted on:

45 Reviewed on: 2/25/08

46 Revised on: