

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

Through legislation, the General Assembly has provided for public education by delegating responsibility for the conduct of public schools in each school district to a local board of education. Thus school boards are instruments of the State of Ohio and members of a board are state officers chosen by citizens of the District to represent them and the state in the legislative management of the public schools.

Legally, a board of education is a body politic and corporate; capable of suing and being sued; contracting and being contracted with; acquiring, holding possession and disposing of real and personal property; and taking and holding in trust for use of the District any grant or gift of land, money or other personal property.

All policies and regulations set for the District must be within the limits that are imposed or implied in the powers expressly granted by statute for boards of education.

Number of Members Term

The organizational framework of a board of education and their powers and duties are delineated in the statutes.

The Board of the District is composed of five members, elected by the citizens of the District. A regular term shall be four years.

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CROSS REFS.: AA, School District Legal Status
BBA, School Board Powers and Duties
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