

**A. QUALIFICATIONS**

Any person possessing the qualifications for election to public office as provided in Article VI, Section 6 of the Constitution of North Carolina and who is a qualified voter and resident of the election district from which he or she seeks to be elected is eligible to serve as a member of the board of education. In addition, pursuant to Chapter 361 of the Session Laws of 2013, each candidate for a district seat must reside in the district for which the election is sought.

Any person elected or appointed to the board and also employed by the board must resign his or her employment before taking office as a member of the board.

**B. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

The board of education will consist of seven members. Pursuant to Chapter 361 of the Session Laws of 2013, five members will be elected from districts and two members will be elected at large. All terms will be for four years with the terms staggered in accordance with Chapter 361 of the Session Laws of 2013. All elections are partisan and are to be held at the time of the general election in even-numbered years. Candidates for election to the board will be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers.

**C. OATH OF OFFICE**

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation at the board meeting held in December following their election:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education, so help me God [*omit phrase if affirming*].”

If a board member enters on the duties of his or her office before taking, subscribing, and filing the oath of office, he or she will be ejected from office.

Legal References: N.C. Const. art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; 115C-35, -37, -37.1; N.C. Session Laws 2011-175, 2013-361, 2015-242; *Plan for the Merger of the Stanly County and Albemarle City Schools* (1996)

Cross References:

Adopted: