

**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 respective election district from which he or she seeks to be elected is eligible to serve as a member of the board of education.

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 nine (9) members, including the chairperson. Pursuant to Chapter 126 of the Session Laws of 1963, eight (8) members will be elected from six (6) designated election districts by a county-wide vote of all the voters of Haywood County, including one (1) member each from the Bethel, Clyde, Crabtree-Iron Duff, and Fine's Creek Election Districts, and two (2) members each from the Beaverdam and Waynesville Election Districts. The chairperson will be elected by the voters of Haywood County at large. All terms will be for four (4) years with the terms staggered in accordance with Chapter 126 of the Session Laws of 1963. All elections are nonpartisan and are to be held at the time of the November general election in even-numbered years. All members will hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

**C. OATH OF OFFICE**

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation on the first Monday in December following the general 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 Haywood County 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; S.L. 1963-126, 1973-424, 1979-89, 2002-18, 2012-24

Cross References:

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