

School Board

Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers

The School Board officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers are elected or appointed by the Board at its organizational meeting.

President

The Board elects a President from its members for a two-year term. The duties of the President are to:

1. Preside at all meetings;
2. Focus the Board meeting agendas on appropriate content;
3. Make all Board committee appointments, unless specifically stated otherwise;
4. Attend and observe any Board committee meeting at his or her discretion;
5. Represent the Board on other boards or agencies;
6. Serve as chairperson of the Education Officers Electoral Board which hears challenges to Board candidate nominating petitions;
7. Sign official District documents requiring the President's signature, including Board minutes and Certificate of Tax Levy;
8. Call special meetings of the Board;
9. Serve as the *head of the public body* for purposes of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act;
10. Ensure that a quorum of the Board is physically present at all Board meetings;
11. Administer the oath of office to new Board members;
12. Serve as or appoint the Board's official spokesperson to the media; and
13. Except when the Board President is the subject of a complaint of sexual harassment, a witness, or otherwise conflicted, appoint a qualified outside investigator to conduct an independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by another Board member or elected official.

The President is permitted to participate in all Board meetings in a manner equal to all other Board members, including the ability to make and second motions.

The Vice President fills a vacancy in the Presidency.

Vice President

The Board elects a Vice President from its members for a two-year term. The Vice President performs the duties of the President if:

1. The office of President is vacant;
2. The President is absent; or
3. The President is unable to perform the office's duties.

A vacancy in the Vice Presidency is filled by a special Board election.

Secretary

The Board shall appoint a non-Board member as secretary for a two-year term. The secretary may receive reasonable compensation as determined by the Board before appointment. The duties of the secretary are to:

1. Keep minutes for all Board meetings, and keep the verbatim record for all closed Board meetings;

2. Mail meeting notification and agenda to news media who have officially requested copies;
3. Keep records of the Board's official acts, and sign them, along with the President, before submitting them to the Treasurer at such times as the Treasurer may require;
4. Act as the local election official for the District;
5. Arrange public inspection of the budget before adoption;
6. Publish required notices;
7. Sign official District documents requiring the Secretary's signature; and
8. Maintain Board policy and such other official documents as directed by the Board.

The Secretary may delegate some or all of these duties, except when State law prohibits the delegation. The Board appoints a secretary pro tempore, who may or may not be a Board member, if the Secretary is absent from any meeting or refuses to perform the duties of the office.

Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Board shall be either a member of the Board who serves a one-year term or a non-Board member who is appointed by the Board for a two-year term. A Treasurer who is a Board member may not be compensated. A Treasurer who is not a Board member may receive reasonable compensation as determined by the Board before appointment. The Treasurer must:

1. Be at least 21 years old;
2. Not be a member of the County Board of School Trustees; and
3. Have a financial background or related experience, or 12 credit hours of college-level accounting.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Furnish a bond, which shall be approved by a majority of the full Board;
2. Maintain custody of school funds;
3. Maintain records of school funds and balances;
4. Prepare a monthly reconciliation report for the Superintendent and Board; and
5. Receive, hold, and expend District funds only upon the order of the Board.

A vacancy in the Treasurer's office is filled by Board appointment.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/7 and 420/4A-106.
 105 ILCS 5/8-1, 5/8-2, 5/8-3, 5/8-6, 5/8-16, 5/8-17, 5/10-1, 5/10-5, 5/10-7, 5/10-8,
 5/10-13, 5/10-13.1, 5/10-14, 5/10-16.5, and 5/17-1.

CROSS REF.: 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:150 (Committees), 2:210
 (Organizational School Board Meeting), 2:220 (School Board Meeting
 Procedure)

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