SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Board of Education is a seven-member Board elected by district residents. Each member of the Board serves for five years. The terms of office of Board members shall not all expire in the same year. Board members are responsible for school district management and policy-making.

The legal status of the Board is that of a corporate body established pursuant to the laws of New York State. The Board is governed by all appropriate laws and regulations of the State of New York and of the United States. Any liability of the district is a liability of the Board of Education as a corporation and not that of the members of the Board as individuals. Any change in the number of members or length of term of office must be approved by voters in accordance with state law.

The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of developing policies under which the district is managed. In addition, the Board has all the powers and duties stated in the Education Law and other applicable New York State law.

Complete and final authority on all district educational matters, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the Board.

<u>Ref</u>: Education Law §§1604; 1604-a; 1701; 1702; 1703; 1708; 1709; 1710 1804(1); 2101(2); 2105

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