

BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications of a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Education are that the candidate be:

1. must be able to read and write;
2. must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent; (Note: a convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on a board of education if his or her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he or she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole)
3. must have been a resident of the school district for at least one year prior to election;
4. may not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year;
5. may not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family;
6. may not be a current employee of the school district; and
7. may not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

No employee of the school district may be a member of the Board, except as permitted by law.

Ref: Education Law §§2102; 2103; 2502(7)
Rosentock v. Scaringe, 40 N.Y.2d 563 (1976)
Matter of Schoch, 21 EDR 300 (1981)

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