



## BOARD POLICY

**Subject: Board of Trustees**  
**Series 202: Terms of Office; Filling Vacancies**

### Members

The Board of Trustees is composed of nine members, one from each Director District. Each member is elected from a Director District by the electors of that Director District and shall be a resident of the district from which elected. No member shall serve on the Board of Trustees who is a member of a board of directors of a local school district or of an area education agency.

### Term of Office

Each elected member of the Board of Trustees is elected for a term of four (4) years, commencing at the organizational meeting of the Board in December following the election and ending at the organizational meeting four (4) years later. Members shall qualify by subscribing to the oath of office prescribed in Section 277.28 of the Code of Iowa.

### Filling Vacancies of Members and Officers

Vacancies on the Board will be filled at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by appointment by the remaining members of the Board. A member so chosen must be a resident of the Director District in which the vacancy occurred. Members so chosen shall serve until a member is elected at the next regular school election or applicable, intervening special election, to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term in accordance with Section 69.12 of the Iowa Code. A vacancy shall be defined as in Section 277.29 of the Iowa Code.

NOTE: Change of residence from one director district to another constitute a vacancy.

Vacancies occurring among Board-elected or Board-appointed officers shall be filled in the same manner as the original election or appointments. Those so elected or appointed by the Board shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

### Regular and Special Elections

Regular elections to elect members of the Board of Trustees shall be held in conformity with existing Iowa laws.

Special elections may be called by the Board of Trustees with reference to those matters stipulated in Section 277.2 which are applicable to Merged Area Districts, and in Sections 260C.22.

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Chapter 260C.11-15, 260C.22  
Chapter 277.2, 277.28-29

Related Administrative Rules and Regulations: