BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications of a member of the Board of Education are that the individual:

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, be 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 be and have been a resident of the school district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of 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.

Ref: Education Law §§2102; 2103; 2502(7)
Election Law §5-106(2)-(4), (6)
Rosentock v. Scaringe, 40 N.Y.2d 563 (1976)
Matter of Schoch, 21 EDR 300 (1981)
Appeal of Baleno, 30 Ed. Dept Rep. 358, Decision 12,493

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