

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

School districts, like all local governments, are established by state legislation, and all the powers, authority, duties and responsibilities of such units of local government are derived from statutes.

Although the members are elected locally, they are engaged in performing a set of duties established by state legislation under the state constitution. The Ichabod Crane Board of Education is an independent unit of government, and is a nine-member board elected by district residents.

Each member of the Board shall serve for three years. The terms of office of Board members shall not all expire in the same year. Board members have a fiduciary responsibility 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, separate and apart from other units of local governments. 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.

Whenever it is deemed helpful or necessary to further their common concerns, the Board will cooperate actively with other local government agencies.

Ref: Education Law §§ 1701; 1702; 1703; 1804(I); 2101(2); 2105

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