

## **BOARD MEMBERS LEGAL STATUS**

**Members of the Board constitute the legal body for governing the educational activities of the school system. Members of the Board shall have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. In this respect, no motion shall be declared adopted without the concurrence of the majority of the whole Board. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of individual members except when such statements or actions are in pursuance of specific instructions of the Board.**

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Board members must be residents of the City of Decatur but may not be a member of the Decatur City Council or in any way subject to the authority of the Board.**

**A candidate for each place on the Board shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of the school board district which he seeks to represent on the Board for at least ninety (90) consecutive days prior to the deadline date for qualifying as a candidate, and shall not have a record of conviction for any crime involving moral turpitude.**

**It is desirable that members of the Board have a general interest in and devotion to public education in Decatur, a willingness to give time and effort to the work, a capacity for understanding people, and the ability to work cooperatively with others.**

## **TERMS OF OFFICE**

**Board members shall serve four year terms with the elections and terms thereof coinciding with those of the members of the City Council of Decatur. Elected Board members shall serve from the date on which they are sworn into office until the swearing in of their successors following the next regular scheduled City Council and Board of Education election. Terms of office shall commence on the first Monday of October following their election.**

## **METHOD OF ELECTION**

**Members of the Board are elected by the qualified electors of the City of Decatur with the elections of Board members coinciding with those of the members of the City Council of Decatur.**

**UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT**

**In the event a vacancy occurs on the Board the remaining members of the Board, by majority vote, shall fill the vacancy by appointment of an individual who has resided in the vacated district at least ninety (90) days prior to his appointment. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.**

**RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**A Board member may submit his resignation at any time during the term of office. Such resignation shall be approved by the Board. In the event a Board member elects to resign, a written statement of resignation shall be submitted to the Board as far in advance of the effective resignation date as possible.**

**A Board member shall be considered to have resigned when he permanently changes his residence from the City or the district from which elected or becomes subject to the authority of the Board as an employee or otherwise.**

**REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

**Members of the Board may be removed from office only through impeachment proceedings in accordance with law.**

**ADOPTED:**

**LEGAL REF: Alabama Constitution, 1901, Article VII, 173-175;  
Code of Alabama, 1975, §§16-11-2 & 16-11-5; Act No. 95-363**