

A. QUALIFICATIONS

Any person possessing the qualifications for election to public office as provided in Article VI, Section 6 of the Constitution of North Carolina and who is a qualified voter and resident of the election district from which he or she seeks to be elected is eligible to serve as a member of the Transylvania County Board of Education (the “board”).

Any person elected or appointed to the board and also employed by the board must resign his or her employment before taking office as a member of the board.

B. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The Transylvania County Board of Education will consist of five members. All terms will be for four years with the terms staggered so that as nearly equal to one-half as possible will expire every two years. **As terms expire beginning in 2018, A**all elections are ~~non~~partisan and are to be held ~~on the date~~ **at the time** of the county general election in even-numbered years.

C. OATH OF OFFICE

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation at the board meeting held in December following their election:

“I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Transylvania County Board of Education, so help me God [omit phrase if affirming].”

If a board member enters on the duties of his or her office before taking, subscribing, and filing the oath of office, he or she will be ejected from office.

Legal References: N.C. Const. art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; 115C-35, -37; N.C. Session Laws 1975-157, 1993-102, 1995-76, **2016-44**

Cross References:

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