

## **B-3 SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS**

The Constitution of the state of Indiana states:

“it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to . . . for a general and uniform system of common schools, wherein tuition shall be without charge and equally open to all.”

The General Assembly (state legislature) has complete power over education, subject only to the limits placed by the federal and/or state constitution. The General Assembly has delegated much of the state’s sovereign power with respect to public education to the local school board.

The dual function of the Board of School Trustees is:

1. To carry out the educational policies of the state.
2. To take a leadership role in developing and carrying out the educational aspirations of the people of the local community.

The five Board of School Trustee members are elected at large and must reside in the Plainfield Community School Corporation. At the first election following the establishment of the Plainfield Community School Corporation, the three candidates receiving the largest number of votes were elected for four years, and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes were elected for two years, with the term of the candidate elected for four years who received the greatest number of votes being extended for one year. Thereafter, all subsequent terms were and shall be for four years. The election shall be held at the general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of the office(s) in question.

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