

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of the State places the responsibility of establishing and maintaining public schools in the jurisdiction of the State Legislature, which provides for a State Board of Education charged with the general supervision of the public schools. The law also provides local public schools shall be maintained, developed, and operated by locally elected school committees or boards of education. This Maine School Administrative District Board of Directors derives its legal authority from the State Constitution, state statutes, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

There shall be six members on the Board of Directors, three from Carmel and three from Levant. Each director serves for three years and these terms overlap so that in each year two directorships are vacated and must be resupplied by election.

Each year as a part of the board reorganization procedure, one director is elected to serve as chair and is the presiding officer at all its meetings. One director is elected to serve as vice-chair. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair will assume the role of acting chair with all rights and responsibilities of the chair contained therein.

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRSA Section 1001

Cross Reference: BDB - Board Officers

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