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SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of Wisconsin places the responsibility for maintaining an efficient system of public free schools on the legislature of Wisconsin and further authorizes the legislature of Wisconsin to establish local school boards as one agency of organization and control. The legislature implements this constitutional responsibility in the statutes of the State of Wisconsin. Legally, then, local school boards are instruments of the legislature and derive their authority from the Constitution of Wisconsin, the Statutes of Wisconsin, and regulations of the State Department of Public Instruction. However, by custom and tradition, local school boards have responsibilities to the local citizenry they serve and by ethics to the professional personnel they employ. Recognizing this tri-dimensional concept of source of authority and responsibility, the School Board is the policy making body for the School District of Hartford Joint No. 1 and serves within the framework provided by law, the will of the local citizenry, and ethics of the professional personnel employed by the Board.

The wisdom and farsightedness of the Board's members and the effectiveness and efficiency with which the Board, as a corporate body, discharges its duties and obligations determines, to a large degree, the educational level of the citizens of the School District of Hartford Joint No. 1.

The Board of Education shall consist of five (5) members to be elected at the regular spring election in April by the voters of the School District of Hartford Jt. #1.

Board members will assume their office upon proper filing of an oath of office on or within 30 days after the fourth Monday of April.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wis. Statutes Chapter 120, Subchapter 1