

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Each member of the Township Of Union Board of Education shall possess the qualifications required by law and shall be bound by the provisions of the School Ethics Act and board policy 9271 Code of Ethics.

Qualifications for member of the board of education are as follows:

- A. He/she is a citizen of the United States of America;
- B. He/she is at least eighteen years of age;
- C. He/she is able to read and write;
- D. He/she has been a resident of the municipality of Union Township for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election;
- E. He/she is registered to vote in Union Township;
- F. He/she is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4.1;
- G. He/she does not hold office as mayor or as a member of the Township Council of Union;
- H. He/she has no interest directly or indirectly in any contract with or claim against the board; and
- I. He/she has not been disqualified due to the conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. In order to fulfill this requirement:
 - 1. Each member of the board of education, within 30 days of the election or appointment to the board shall undergo a criminal history background check investigation for the purpose of ensuring that the member is not disqualified for membership due to a conviction of a crime or offense pursuant to the statute listed above; and
 - 2. The board shall reimburse the member for the cost of the criminal history record check, including all costs for administering and processing the check.

Within 30 days of election/appointment, board members shall file with the board secretary, on forms provided by the School Ethics Commission, both a Personal/Relative Disclosure Form (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25) and a Financial Disclosure Statement (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26). The board secretary shall file the original with the executive county superintendent (N.J.A.C. 6A:28-3.1).

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. School Ethics Act

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| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20 | Powers of board (county vocational schools) |
| <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:28-1.1 <u>et seq.</u> | School Ethics Commission |

Possible

Cross References:

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| *9020 | Public statements |
| *9271 | Code of ethics |

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.