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 Cleveland 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 Board of Education will consist of nine (9) members. Beginning with the 2020 elections, members will be elected on a partisan basis at the time of the general election for four year terms in each even-numbered year as terms expire. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise provided in Session Law 2018-140. In 2020, five members of the Board shall be elected on the date of the general election, and every four years thereafter, and in 2022, four members of the Board shall be elected on the date of the general election, and every four years thereafter.

C. **OATH OF OFFICE**
Before taking office, newly elected, re-elected or appointed Board Members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation at the first Board Meeting held on the first Monday 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 Cleveland County Board of Education, so help me God [omit phrase if affirming].”

Legal References:  N.C. Const. art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; 115C-35, -37, G.S. 163-279, -291; NC Session Law 2004-41; NC Session Law 2017-78; NC Session Law 2018-140

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