

Board members are officials of the state. As a public official, each board member must pledge to uphold the Iowa and the United States Constitutions and carry out the responsibilities of the office to the best of the board member's ability.

Each newly-elected board member will take the oath of office prior to any action taken as a school official. The oath of office is taken by each newly elected board member on or before the time set for the organization meeting of the board. In the event of an appointment or special election to fill a vacancy, the new board member will take the oath of office within ten (10) days of the appointment or election.

Board members elected to offices of the board will also take the same oath of office but replacing "the office of board member" with "the title of the office to which they were elected."

The oath of office is administered by the board secretary. In the event the board secretary is absent, the oath is administered by another board member. The oath of office shall be properly verified by the administering officer and filed with the board secretary.

If the oath of office is taken in the presence of the board, it shall be as follows:

"Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Iowa, and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of _____ (naming the office) of the Monticello Community School District as now and hereafter required by law?"

If the oath of office is taken outside of the presence of the board, it shall be as follows:

"I, _____ (name), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that I will faithfully and impartially to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the office of _____ (naming the office) of the Monticello Community School District as now or hereafter required by law."

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