

An Oath of Office is required to be administered to each School Board Trustee, whether elected, re-elected, or appointed. The Trustee is required to take his or her oath within ten (10) days after the Trustee has notice of his or her election or appointment, or within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of his or her term of office. Before any School District Trustee, elected or appointed, enters upon the duties of his or her office, he or she must take the following oath:

*I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Trustee of St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 according to the best of my ability.*

The Oath is required to be administered by the Clerk of the Board or by a Trustee. Additionally, the records of the District are required to show that such Oath of Office has been taken and by whom the Oath was administered. Finally, this information is required to be filed with the official records of the District.

A School District Trustee holds office from January 1 in the year in which he or she is elected until January 1 in the year in which his or her term of office expires, unless he or she:

1. Dies;
2. Resigns as Trustee;
3. Removes him or herself from the Trustee Zone of residence;
4. Refuses to serve as Trustee;
5. Fails to attend four (4) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Trustees without an acceptable excuse to the Board of Trustees; or
6. Is recalled and discharged from office.

If the School District Trustee is appointed, he or she holds office from the time he or she takes the Oath of Office until January 1 in the year in which the original term of office to which he or she was appointed expires, unless he or she:

1. Dies;
2. Resigns as Trustee;
3. Removes him or herself from the Trustee Zone of residence;
4. Is no longer a resident or School District elector of the District;
5. Refuses to serve as Trustee;
6. Fails to attend four (4) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Trustees without an acceptable excuse to the Board of Trustees; or
7. Is recalled and discharged from office.

**Policy Cross Reference:**

Board Policy 201.08

Board Vacancies

**Legal Reference:**

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| Idaho Code - §33-501 | Board of Trustees              |
| Idaho Code - §33-504 | Vacancies on Board of Trustees |
| Idaho Code - §33-401 | Loyalty Oath - Form            |
| Idaho Code - §59-402 | Time of Taking Oath            |

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