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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Membership and Terms of Office

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7 The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of seven members. The powers and duties of  
8 the Board include the broad authority to adopt and enforce all policies necessary for the management,  
9 operations and governance of the District. Except as otherwise provided by law, trustees shall hold office  
10 for terms of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of trustees shall be  
11 staggered as provided by law.

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13 All trustees shall participate on an equal basis with other members in all business transactions pertaining  
14 to the high school maintained by the District. Only those trustees elected from the elementary district  
15 may participate in business transactions pertaining to the elementary schools maintained by the District.

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17 The five trustees of Elementary District #38, a duly elected trustee from Swan Lake-Salmon Elementary  
18 District #73, and a duly elected trustee from Swan River Elementary District #4 shall comprise the Board  
19 of Trustees of Bigfork High School District #38. All trustees shall participate on an equal basis with  
20 other members in all business transactions pertaining to the high school maintained by the District.

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23	Legal References:	§ 20-3-301, MCA Election and term of office
24		§ 20-3-302, MCA Legislative intent to elect less than majority of trustees
25		§ 20-3-305, MCA Candidate qualification, filing deadline, and withdrawal
26		§ 20-3-306, MCA Conduct of election
27		§ 20-3-307, MCA Qualification and oath
28		§ 20-3-341, MCA Number of trustee positions in elementary districts
29		transition
30		§ 20-3-351, MCA Number of trustee positions in high school districts
31		§ 20-3-352, MCA Request and determination of number of high school
32		district additional trustee positions – nonvoting trustee
33		§ 20-3-361, MCA Joint board of trustees organization and voting
34		membership
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38 Policy History:

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