

**Subdivision**

**Columbus Public Schools School Board**

School District # 1 – Class 3  
P.O. Box 947  
Columbus, NE 68602-0947  
Phone: 402-563-7000

Term:

4-year term for School Board Members.

Term Begins: The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in January – Nebraska State Statute 32-543 (2).

Partisan or NonPartisan Elections?

NonPartisan Election

When Election Held?

Primary and General Election  
(Not on Primary if there is less than double the openings filed).

Six Board Members – 3 Board Members Elected in one Election Year and 3 Elected the next Election Year.

**Qualifications of School Board Members**

1. Registered Voter of Platte County and School Board Member must live in the Columbus Public School District.
2. File a NonPartisan Filing Form with the Platte County Election Commissioner Office by the deadlines:

**Incumbents** are the current office holder and **filing Date is December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the date of the Primary Election.** No Incumbent who resigns from elective office prior to the expiration of their term shall file for any office after February 15<sup>th</sup> of that election year. Nebraska State Statute 32-606.

**Nonincumbents** are those who are currently not an office holder and the **filing date is December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the date of the Primary Election.** Nebraska State Statute 32-606

**Columbus Public School – School Board Current Office Holders:**

**School Board Member**

**Mark P. Brown**  
4058 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-276-5768  
Email: [brownm@discoverers.org](mailto:brownm@discoverers.org)

Year Elected: November 3, 2020

First Term Began: January 2021.

Up for Election in 2024.

**School Board  
Member**

**Douglas Willoughby**  
656 S Quail Lane  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-564-0217  
Email: [willoughbyd@discoverers.org](mailto:willoughbyd@discoverers.org)

Year Elected: November 8, 2016 and Reelected November 3, 2020.

2<sup>nd</sup> Term Began: January 2021.

Up for Election in 2024.

**School Board  
Member**

**Candace Becher**  
120 South Calle Colombo  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-563-2767  
Email: [becher@discoverers.org](mailto:becher@discoverers.org)

Year Elected: November 6, 2012 and Reelected November 8, 2016 and  
November 3, 2020.

Third Term Began: January 2021.

Up for Election in 2024.

**School Board  
Member**

**Theresa Seipel**  
4302 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-562-8193  
Email: [seipelt@discoverers.org](mailto:seipelt@discoverers.org)

Year Elected: November 4, 2014 and Reelected November 6, 2018

Second Term Began: January 2019

Up for Election in 2022.

**School Board  
Member**

**Michael R. Jeffryes**  
3255 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-564-4983  
Email: [jeffryes@discoverers.org](mailto:jeffryes@discoverers.org)

Elected: November 6, 2018.

First Term Began: January 2019

Up for Election in 2022.

**School Board  
President**

**Douglas Molczyk**  
2870 North Park Lane  
Columbus, NE 68601  
402-276-4033  
Email: [molczyk@discoverers.org](mailto:molczyk@discoverers.org)

Year Elected: Francis Kuehler moved and Douglas Molczyk was Elected for a two-year term on November 8, 2016 and Reelected November 6, 2018.

First Full Term Began: January 2019

Up for Election in 2022.

**Superintendent**

**Troy Loeffelholz**  
Columbus Public Schools Administration  
402-563-7000