

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION

The annual meeting and election of the District will be held on the third Tuesday of May in each year, at which the District's authorized voters shall vote on the District budget and elect members of the Board of Education. However, if the Commissioner of Education, at the request of the Board, certifies no later than March 1st that the meeting and election would interfere with religious observances, then such meeting and election will be held on the second Tuesday in May. The election must be held for at least six (6) consecutive hours after 6:00 am, two of which must be after 6:00 pm.

The District Clerk shall publish a notice of the time and place of the annual meeting and election at least four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks prior to the meeting in two (2) newspapers having general circulation within the District. The first publication of the notice shall be at least 45 days prior to the meeting and election.

The notice shall also state that petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm not later than thirty (30) days preceding the school meeting and election and that absentee ballots for the election of Board of Education members may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk.

Copies of the budget and the text of any resolution to be voted upon at the annual meeting and election shall be available in each District school building for District residents during school hours on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday during the 14 days immediately preceding such meeting and election.

The Board of Education shall appoint Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors necessary for the annual meeting and election at a Board of Education meeting held before the annual meeting and election.

Propositions

The Board of Education has the authority, under Education Law, to adopt reasonable rules and regulations concerning the submission of petitions to the Board to place propositions on the ballot which may amend the budget. Pursuant to those provisions, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

1. Unless otherwise provided by Education Law, petitions for the submission of a proposition must contain a minimum of 25 signatures of qualified voters of the district, or two (2) percent of the number of voters at the last annual election, whichever is greater.
2. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting to facilitate the preparation and printing of the ballot.
3. Propositions must include the specific appropriations necessary for the purposes listed.

4. Wording of a petition must comply with legal requirements. If the wording is not in compliance, it may be changed or altered by the Board, or the Board may reject a petition for failure to comply.

Propositions received in accordance with these specifications will be placed on the ballot as amendments and will be voted upon by the voters in the same manner as the proposed budget, except that the Board shall not be required to place any proposition on the ballot which is within the exclusive province of the Board, or otherwise forbidden by law. No proposition involving the budget may be submitted to the voters more than twice.

The Board may also, on its own motion, submit propositions.

Reference: Education Law §2002
 Education Law §2004
 Education Law §2035

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