

CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGNING**Nominations**

Candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Such petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, shall contain the signatures and addresses of at least 25 qualified voters of the district or two (2) percent of the voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, and shall state the name residence of the candidate. Each petition shall be filed with the District Clerk no later than thirty (30) days preceding the annual meeting at which the candidates so nominated are to be elected.

The District Clerk will supervise the procedure used to establish the order of names on the ballot. The Board may reject the nominations if the candidate is ineligible or has declared an unwillingness to serve. Candidates for the Board are nominated to serve at large and do not run for a specific seat on the Board.

Reporting Expenditures

If a candidate's campaign expenditures exceed \$500, the candidate must file a sworn statement with both the district clerk and the commissioner of education itemizing their expenditures and contributions received. The statement must list the amounts of all money or other valuable things paid, given, expended or promised by the candidate, or incurred for or on the candidate's behalf with his or her approval.

A candidate who spends \$500 or less is only required to file a sworn statement with the district clerk indicated this to be the case. No other campaign expenditure statement is required.

An initial statement must be filed at least 30 days before the election, a second statement must be filed on or before the fifth (5th) day preceding the election and a final statement must be filed within 20 days after the election.

Electioneering

Electioneering during the hours of any vote is prohibited within the polling place or within one hundred (100) feet of any such polling place. Electioneering includes the display or distribution of any banner, poster, placard, button, or flyer, on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate or issue to be voted upon.

Cross-ref: 1050, Annual District Election and Budget Vote

Ref: Education Law §§2018; 2031-a

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