

Election

Elections conducted by the District are non-partisan elections governed by the school district election laws of the State and include the election of Board members, various public policy propositions and advisory questions.

Board elections shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday in May of each year. Any person legally qualified to hold the position of school trustee, may file a declaration of candidacy for the office. The declaration must include the name of the candidate, the term for which declaration of candidacy is made and include the signatures of not less than five (5) school district electors residing in the trustee zone of which the candidate seeks election. Such declaration must be filed with the clerk of the school district not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Friday proceeding the day of the election. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent with the school district clerk not later than fourteen (14) days before the election date.

If requested, one (1) person may be authorized by each candidate to be present at the polling place for the purpose of challenging voters.

If requested, one (1) person may be authorized by any candidate to be present for the purposes of observing the counting of votes.

The authorized challenger and observer may work at various times throughout the day, however, each candidate may only have one (1) challenger and (1) observer at the polling place at any time.

In order to have a challenger or observer at the polling place on the date of the election, the candidate must make a written request to the school district clerk no later than five (5) days prior to the date of the election.

If, after expiration of the date for filing written nominations, it appears that only one (1) qualified candidate has been nominated for a position or if only one (1) candidate has filed a write-in declaration of intent, no election shall be held for that position, and the board of trustees or the clerk with the written permission of the board, shall within thirteen (13) days before the date of the election declare such candidate elected as a trustee. The clerk shall immediately prepare and deliver to the person a certificate of election signed by him bearing the seal of the district.

Legal Reference:	§ I.C. 33-401	Legislative Intent
	§ I.C. 33-403(C)	Challengers – Watchers
	§ I.C. 33-501	Board of Trustees
	§ I.C. 33-502	Declaration of candidacy for trustees
	§ I.C. 33-502A	Declaration of intent for write-in candidates
	§ I.C. 33-502B	Board of Trustees – One nomination – No election.
	§ I.C. 33-503	Election of Trustees – Uniform Date

Policy History:

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