



TO: Candidates for the Board of Education

FROM: Sandra Speyer, District Clerk

RE: INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 18, 2021

All candidates must have the following qualifications:

- Be able to read and write
- Be a qualified voter of this district (which means a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and not adjudged to be an incompetent)
- Be and have been a legal resident of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year prior to the election
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
- May not be a current employee of the school board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Changes in the number of petitions for school board elections for the 2021 elections based on S4430:

Nominating petitions for this election require the signature of at least 55 people, which represents two percent (2%) of 2782 the number of individuals who voted in the 2019 annual election of the members of the Board of Education. To identify a qualified signature, it must be legible. Please ask each signer to also **PRINT** his or her name, **and the residence should be listed by location, not** mailing address (i.e., 100 Bedford Road, **not** RR# or Box 123).

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by **two percent (2%) of the 2782 voters** (55 signatures) who voted in the 2019 election; must state the residence of each signer; must be filed in the Office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building, Fox Lane Campus, Route 172, Bedford, New York, between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on or before Monday, April 19, 2021**; must state the name and residence of the candidate; and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

The **filing deadline** for nomination petitions is **5:00 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2021**. Petitions should be brought to the District Clerk in the Central Office.

As required by State Education Law, Section 2032, a drawing by lot for position on the voting ballot shall be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2020 10:00 a.m. in the District Office. In the event any candidate is not present in person or is not represented by a person designated in a written proxy, the District Clerk is authorized to act as proxy.

Any candidate for election to the Board of Education must file sworn election expenditure and contribution statements with the District Clerk (and the Commissioner of Education in the event expenditures and/or contributions exceed \$500) in accordance with the provisions of Article 32, Sections 1528 and 1529 of the Education Law. In addition, candidates must report, within 24 hours, any contribution or loan in excess of \$1000 received by the candidate within five days prior to the election.

Filing deadlines are: Thirty days prior to election: April 19, 2021 (first statement)
 Five days prior to election: May 13, 2021 (second statement)
 Twenty days following election: June 7, 2021 (third statement)

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