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By-Laws

SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: NOMINATION AND ELECTION

- a) Candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Such petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the School District, shall be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, or by two (2) percent of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election of Board members, whichever is greater, shall state the residence of each signer, shall state the name and residence of each candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy on the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated. This description shall include at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent, if any.
- b) The notice of the annual District meeting must state that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than the thirtieth day preceding the election at which time the candidates so nominated are to be elected.
- c) Voting will be by machine or paper ballot and provision shall be made for the election by "write-in-vote" of any candidate not previously nominated. The position of candidates on ballots shall be determined by lot at a drawing conducted by the Clerk of the Board on the day after the last filing. Candidates or their proxies may be present for the drawing.
- d) The hours of voting shall be as indicated by Board resolution.
- e) The candidates receiving the largest number of votes or, in the alternative, the largest number of votes for each specific vacancy, shall be declared elected in accordance with Education Law.
- f) At least ten days prior to the election, the Board shall appoint at least two inspectors of election for each voting booth, and set their salary, if applicable.
- g) The Clerk of the Board shall oversee the election and each voter shall record his/her name and legal residence. The Clerk shall give notice immediately to each person declared elected to the Board, informing him/her of the election and his/her term of office.
- h) Only qualified voters as determined by Education Law (Section 2012) may vote at any District meeting or election.
- i) No electioneering will be allowed within one hundred (100) feet of the polling place.
- j) When a term of office expires at the end of a school year and the office has become vacant at the time of election, the person elected to fill the new full term vacancy also fills the remaining days of the previous term, beginning his/her term of office immediately upon election.

Education Law Sections 2004, 2013,
2018, 2025, 2029, 2031-a, 2032, 2034(7)(d),
2105(14), and 2121

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