

Category: 2000 BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Policy Number: 2430
Policy Title: BOARD ELECTIONS	Effective Date: March 16, 2011

Elections conducted on behalf of the District are non-partisan elections governed by the election laws of the State of Idaho and include the election of Board members, bonds and levies, and various public policy propositions and advisory questions.

Trustee Elections:

Board trustee elections shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday in May in odd-numbered years. 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 ninth Friday prior to the day of the election for the subject trustee position. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent with the county clerk not later than forty-five (45) days before the election date.

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 declare such candidate elected as a trustee. The clerk shall immediately prepare and deliver to the person a certificate of election signed by her/him and bearing the seal of the district. All other scheduled trustee elections will move forward under the regular procedures.

In each Trustee zone, the person receiving the greatest number of votes cast within his zone shall be declared by the Board of Trustees as the trustee elected from that zone. If any two (2) or more persons have an equal number of votes in any trustee zone and a greater number than any other nominee in that zone, the Board of Trustees shall determine the winner by a toss of a coin.

Bonds and Levy Elections:

The question of bonds and levies to be submitted to the electors of the district and the notice of such election shall state:

- the dollar amount proposed to be collected each year during the period of years in each of which the collection is proposed to be made,
- the percentage of votes in favor of the proposal which are needed to approve the proposed dollar amount to be collected, and
- the purposes for which such funds shall be used.

Said notice shall be given, the election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed as provided in Idaho Code.

Legal Reference: Idaho Code 33-401, 501, 502, 502B, 503 & IC Title 34: Elections, IC 34-1407

- References:**
- Policy 2440, "Board Member Oath of Office"
 - Policy 2450, "Board Member Qualifications"
 - Policy 2460, "Board Member Term of Office"
 - Policy 2470, "Board Member Vacancies"
 - Policy 5010, "Bond Sales"
 - Policy 5150, "Tax and Debt Limits"