Elections

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 the Board members, various public policy propositions, and advisory questions.

Board elections shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday following the first Monday in November 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 preceding 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 school district clerk not later than forty-five (45) days before the election date and include the signatures of not less than five school district electors residing in the trustee zone of which the candidate seeks election. No write-in vote for School District Trustee in a School District election shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of Trustee if elected.

Any person who filed a declaration of candidacy may withdraw from the election by filing a notarized statement of withdrawal with the Clerk of the Board. The notarized statement shall contain all the information necessary to identify the person and the office sought. The withdrawal of candidacy may occur at any time prior to the day 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 or the Clerk with the written permission of the Board, shall declare such candidate elected as a trustee within four (4) days before the scheduled day of the election. The Clerk shall immediately prepare and deliver to the person a certificate of election signed by him 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.
Legal Reference: § I.C. 33-401 Legislative Intent
§ I.C. 33-501 Board of Trustees
§ I.C. 33-502 Declaration of candidacy for trustees
§ I.C. 33-502B Board of Trustees – One nomination – No election.
§ I.C. 33-503 Election of Trustees – Uniform Date
§ I.C. 34-1404 Declaration of Candidacy
§ I.C. 34-1407 Write-in Candidates

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