Subject: Board of Education Members: Nomination and Election

a) Individuals interested in the office of member of the Board of Education are so notified that they 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 election, whichever is greater, shall state the residence of each signer, shall state the name and residence of each candidate. Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than the thirtieth day preceding the election day at which time candidates so nominated are to be elected.

b) The notice of the annual budget hearing 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, and provision shall be made for the election by “write-in-vote” of any candidate not previously nominated. Absentee ballots will also be made available (see Policy 1207 for procedures).

d) Vacancies on the Board of Education are to be considered at large positions with the candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes being declared elected in accordance with Education Law.

e) The hours of voting shall be as indicated by Board resolution.

f) The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected in accordance with Education Law (2018b). Position of candidates on ballots shall be determined by lot at a drawing conducted by the District Clerk on the day after the last filing. Candidates or their proxies may be present for the drawing.

g) At least ten days prior to the election, the Board shall appoint at least two inspectors of election, and set their salary.

h) The Clerk of the Board/or designee shall attend the election and record the name and legal residence of each elector.

i) Only qualified voters as determined by Education Law (Section 2012) may vote at any election.
j) It shall be the duty of each member of the Board of Education to attend all meetings of the Board and, if any member willfully refuses to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board after having been regularly notified, the Board will proceed to declare that office vacant.

k) If the Board member has sufficient excuse to warrant absence from the meetings, a vacancy cannot be declared and shall be noted in the minutes.

l) In the event of death, resignation, refusal to serve or any disqualification of a Board Member, the vacancy needs to be filled within 90 days. The Board will advertise the opening and will appoint a competent candidate to fill the vacancy till the next election. If the Board is not able to find a candidate, the District Superintendent of the supervisory District may appoint a competent person to fill the vacancy.

m) 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 begins his/her term of office immediately upon election.

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