

CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGNING

Nominations

Candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. All nominating petitions shall be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., not later than 30 days preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the District Clerk and shall contain the signatures and addresses of at least 25 qualified voters of the district or two percent of the voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater.

Each petition shall clearly state the name and residence of the candidate. No person shall be nominated by petition for more than one separate office. Forms for petitions are available in the Clerk's office.

The District Clerk will supervise the procedure used to establish the order of names on the ballot which shall be determined by a drawing by lot to be held for each vacancy. Candidates and/or their proxy shall appear in the Administrative Offices of the Bethlehem Central School District located at 90 Adams Place Delmar, NY at 8:00 a.m. the next business day after the last possible date for candidates to file a petition for the drawing by lot.

Any candidate wishing to appear by proxy must provide the person so designated with a written proxy which must be filed with the District Clerk no later than the time stated above. In the event that a candidate fails to appear in person or by properly designated proxy, the District Clerk shall act as such proxy.

Any objections to the actual drawing by lot shall be made at that time to the District Clerk so that defects, if any, may be corrected while all the candidates or their representatives are present. Failure to so object shall constitute a waiver of any defect. Candidates who fail to appear either personally or by proxy shall be deemed to waive their right to object to such proceedings.

The Board may reject nominations if the candidate is ineligible or has declared an unwillingness to serve.

Electioneering

Electioneering during the hours of any vote is prohibited within the polling place or within 100 feet of any such polling place. Displays or handout items of any political nature, except those provided by law, shall be prohibited by any individual, group or organization in any school building on those days when the polls are open for voting on school district matters, including, but not limited to, the annual school budget, candidates for the Board of Education, special propositions, etc.

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6120, Budget Hearing

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