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☒ **Notice**

NOTE: We have provided this policy to combine and expand upon parts of current Board policies 1210 (Board Members: Nomination and Election) and 1220 (Reporting Of Expenditures and Contributions), along with NYSSBA's recommended approach. This policy relates more specifically to electioneering rather than improper advocacy. Improper advocacy is addressed in Policy 1050. We have added citations that relate to electioneering as well.

Nominations

NOTE: In common, union free, and central school districts, petitions must be filed at least 30 days before the election and must be signed by the greater of 25 voters or 2% of the voters who voted in the last annual district election (§2018). In small city school districts, petitions must be filed at least 20 days before the election and signed by at least 100 persons qualified to vote (§2608). The Albany, Rochester, and Buffalo school districts have special procedures and dates for the election of school board members.

Candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education are nominated by petition. Such petition must be directed to the District Clerk, 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, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate. Each petition must be filed with the District Clerk not later than 30 days preceding the Annual Meeting and Election at which the candidates so nominated are to be elected.

The District Clerk will supervise the procedure used to establish the order of names on the ballot. The Board may reject nominations if the candidate is ineligible or has declared an unwillingness to serve.

Reporting Expenditures

If a candidate's campaign expenditures exceed \$500, the candidate must file a sworn statement with both the district clerk and the commissioner of education itemizing their expenditures and contributions received. The statement must list the amounts of all money or other valuable things paid, given, expended or promised by the candidate, or incurred for or on the candidate's behalf with their approval.

A candidate who spends \$500 or less is only required to file a sworn statement with the district clerk indicated this to be the case. No other campaign expenditure statement is required.

An initial statement must be filed at least 30 days before the election, a second statement must be filed on or before the fifth (5th) day preceding the election and a final statement must be filed within 20 days after the election.

Electioneering

Electioneering during the hours of any vote is prohibited within the polling place or within 100 feet of any such polling place. Electioneering includes the display or distribution of any banner, poster, placard, button, or flyer, on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate or issue to be voted upon.

Cross-ref:

1050, Annual District Election and Budget Vote

6120, Budget Hearing

Ref:

Education Law §§2018; 2031-a; 2608

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