

NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES

Any person legally qualified to hold the office of school trustee may file a declaration of candidacy for the office. The declaration must bear the name of the candidate, state the term for which declaration of candidacy is made, and bear the signature of not less than five (5) school district electors resident of the trustee zone of which the candidate is resident. The declaration of candidacy must be filed with the clerk of the board not later than five (5) o'clock p.m. on the fifth (5th) Friday preceding the day of election of trustees.

Any person interested in being a write-in candidate for a school trustee position must file a declaration of intent indicating that the person desires the trustee office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent for write-in candidates must be filed with the school district clerk not later than fourteen (14) days before the day of election. No write-in vote will be counted unless a declaration of intent has been properly filed.

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 must 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.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

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, various public policy propositions and advisory questions.

Board 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 fifth 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 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 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. 34-1407	Write-in Candidates
	§ I.C. Title 34	Elections

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