

170 BOARD OF EDUCATION

171 ELECTION

171.01 Number of Members and Terms of Office

The Board of Education shall consist of seven members who shall serve for terms of three years. The terms shall be staggered so that two or three members are chosen each year. Board members shall be elected from the following areas:

Area I	Village of Oregon	3 members
Area II	City of Fitchburg	1 member
Area III	Towns of Dunn, Blooming Grove and Rutland	1 member
Area IV	Village of Brooklyn, Towns of Brooklyn, Oregon, Montrose and Union	2 members

Candidates seeking office for a Board term must reside in the area which they will represent. Qualified electors of the District are eligible to vote for candidates in all areas.

171.02 Qualifications

Any person who is a qualified elector in the District may be a candidate for the Board. Every United States citizen 18 years of age or older who has resided in the District for 10 days before any election is a qualified elector, provided that person has not been convicted of treason, a felony or bribery (unless a pardon has been granted).

171.03 Candidates

Any qualified elector may become a candidate for Board membership by filing a written declaration of candidacy no later than 5:00 PM on the first Tuesday in January. The declaration must state that the candidate is a qualified elector of the District and resides in the area for which the election is being held. No other method of nomination is acceptable, but electors can vote for any qualified elector of the district by writing the person's name on the ballot.

171.04 Verification of Candidacy

No later than 5:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in January, Clerk shall verify the candidacy declarations. If there are more than twice as many candidates as there are members to be elected to the Board in any area up for election, a primary election shall be held for such positions. The primary election shall be held at the time specified for the spring primary election.

171.05 Election

The election shall be held on the day of the spring election. The election shall be held at the regular polling place of each municipality. The polls shall be open as designated by each municipality.

171.06 Ballots

The Board shall provide and the Clerk shall prepare an official ballot, which shall conform as close as possible to the ballot provided in Wisconsin Statutes 10.52. The ballot shall list the candidates who have filed a valid declaration of candidacy. It shall provide for write-in votes. The order in which the names of candidates is to be printed on the ballots shall be determined by drawing of lots at the date and time of the Board meeting held for verification of declarations of candidacy by or under the Clerk's supervision.

171.07 Canvassing of Election Returns

The Clerk shall within twenty-four hours of the polls' closing canvass the ballots and declare the results of the election. The Clerk shall appoint two District residents to serve as the Board of Canvassers.

171.08 Board of Education Members Take Office

Elected Board members shall take office at the organizational meeting held on the fourth Monday in April.

171.09 Vacancies: How Caused

Any Board position shall become or be deemed vacant upon the happening of any of the following events to an incumbent:

- 171.09 A death;
- 171.09 B resignation;
- 171.09 C removal;
- 171.09 D ceasing to be a resident of the District or being and remaining absent from the District for a period exceeding 60 days; or
- 171.09 E as otherwise specified by law

171.10 Vacancies: How Filled

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Board members. Any person so appointed shall hold office until the organizational meeting after the next annual election. Subject to state law, the electors shall fill such vacancy for the balance of

the unexpired term at the next spring election and the newly elected member shall take office at the organizational meeting following said spring election.

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