

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION

The District shall hold an annual meeting and election at which the District's authorized voters will elect members of the Board of Education and vote on the District budget for the coming school year. The annual District meeting and election will be held on a date determined by the State.

The District Clerk shall publish a notice of the time and place of the annual meeting and election at least four times within the seven weeks prior to the meeting, in at least two newspapers having general circulation within the District. The first publication of the notice shall be at least 45 days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall also state that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District no later than 5 p.m. on the 30th day preceding the school meeting or election at which the candidates so nominated are to be elected. The notice shall also contain any other matter required by law.

Copies of the budget to be voted upon at the annual meeting and election will be available for District residents, upon request, in each District school building, in District offices, on the District Web site, and in all public libraries within the District, at the time of the annual meeting and election and 14 days (other than Saturday, Sunday and holidays) prior to the meeting.

The Board shall appoint assistant clerks and election inspectors necessary for the annual meeting and election at a Board meeting held before the annual meeting and election.

Propositions

The Board has the authority, under the Education Law, to adopt reasonable rules and regulations concerning the submission of petitions to the Board to place propositions on the ballot, which may amend the budget. Pursuant to those provisions, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

1. Unless otherwise provided by the Education Law, petitions for the submission of a proposition must contain a minimum of 25 signatures of qualified voters of the district, or 5 percent of the eligible voters who voted in the previous annual election of the members of the Board of Education, whichever is greater.
2. Petitions for submission of a proposition must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 30 days in advance of the annual meeting, except for those petitions requiring mention in the notice of the annual meeting, which must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 90 days in advance of the annual meeting.

3. Propositions must include the specific appropriations necessary for the purposes listed.
4. Wording of a petition must comply with legal requirements.* If the wording does not comply, the Board may reject the petition or it may exercise other legal rights.
5. Propositions received in accordance with these specifications will be placed on the ballot as amendments and will be voted upon by the voters in the same manner as the proposed budget, except that the Board shall not be required to place any voter-submitted proposition on the ballot that is within the exclusive province of the Board, or otherwise forbidden by law. If any issue has already been placed before the voters in the same school year, the Board may, in its discretion, reject said proposition. No proposition involving the budget or budgetary matters for the same school year may be submitted to the voters more than twice.

The Board may also, on its own motion, submit propositions.

Improper Advocacy

The district may provide informational material to the voters concerning budgets, propositions, or other matters before the electorate. However, school district funds and resources may not be used to exhort voters to support a particular position.

*Education Law §§416(3); 1608(2); 1716(2); 1804(4); 1906(1); 2002(1); 2003(1)(2); 2004(1)-(7); 2009; 2021; 2022(1), (4)-(5); 2035(2); 2601-a(2)

Great Neck Public Schools

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