

ANNUAL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE

The district shall hold an annual meeting and election at which the district's qualified voters elect members of the Board of Education and vote on the district's budget for the next school year. The annual meeting and election shall be held on the third Tuesday in May. The polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Notice

Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting and election shall be published at least four times within the seven weeks prior to the meeting, the first publication to be at least 45 days before the meeting, in two newspapers having general circulation in the district. The notice shall also contain notice of any other matter required by law.

Budget Presentation and Hearing

Copies of the budget to be voted upon at the annual meeting and election shall be available in each district school building for district residents at the time of the annual meeting and election and 14 days (other than Saturday, Sunday and school holidays) prior to the meeting. The board shall hold an annual budget hearing at which it will present a detailed budget statement for the next school year and an explanation of any propositions. This public hearing shall be held seven to fourteen days before the vote.

Propositions

The board may submit propositions for voter approval.

Residents may petition the board to submit certain propositions for voter approval along with the annual budget. Such petitions must:

1. be signed by at least 25 qualified voters, or five percent of the number of voters who voted at the previous annual election, whichever is greater;
2. include the necessary specific appropriations;
3. be presented to the district clerk at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting and election. Petitions relating to a proposition which must be included in the notice of the meeting must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the first required notice date; and
4. comply with legal requirements. The board may correct technical errors or may reject petitions which fail to comply.

Propositions which satisfy these requirements shall be placed on the ballot if they are within the powers of the voters.

Prior Policy 1050 "District Meetings and Elections; Public Hearing on Budget" adopted Feb. 16, 1996; amended April 6, 1998; titled changed to "Annual District Election and Budget Vote" and amended Nov. 15, 2004.

Required Local Notice