

TIPS ON FILING FOR THE 2021 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

DUPAGE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 88 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE WORKSHOP October 21, 2020

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I. SOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE

A. ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- 1. Website:** www.elections.il.gov
- 2. Telephone:** (217) 782-4141; (312) 814-6440

B. DUPAGE COUNTY CLERK ELECTION DIVISION

- 1. Website:** www.dupageco.org/election
- 2. Telephone:** (630) 407-5600

II. THE BASICS

A. WHO: OFFICE QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. U.S. Citizen**
- 2. Resident for at least one year**
- 3. Registered Voter**
- 4. At least 18 years of age**
- 5. Not a school trustee, but other incompatible offices?**
- 6. Not convicted child sex offender, “infamous crimes.”**

II. THE BASICS – cont.

B. WHAT: DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- 1. Petition Sheets**
- 2. Statement of candidacy**
- 3. Receipt for Statement of Economic Interests**
- 4. Loyalty Oath (optional)**



II. THE BASICS – cont.

C. WHERE: COUNTY CLERK ELECTION DIVISION OFFICE

Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building,
421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton,
1st Floor at North end

First Day Only: Auditorium across from office

Not accepted: By mail, fax or electronic



II. THE BASICS – cont.

D. WHEN: FILING TIMES

1. **December 14 through 21 (one week period beginning 113 days before election)**
2. **Office open until 5:00 p.m. last day; 8:00-4:30 other days (check county regular office hours)**
3. **Filing order determines ballot order**
 - ▣ those received in mail in first day also deemed simultaneous with those filed on opening of office
 - ▣ those received in mail on later day deemed filed on actual receipt
 - ▣ ballot order of simultaneous filing for first day resolved by lottery
 - ▣ those in line at beginning of office hours (or 8:00 a.m.) considered simultaneous
 - ▣ those filing in last hour of last day will also be resolved by lottery

II. THE BASICS – cont.

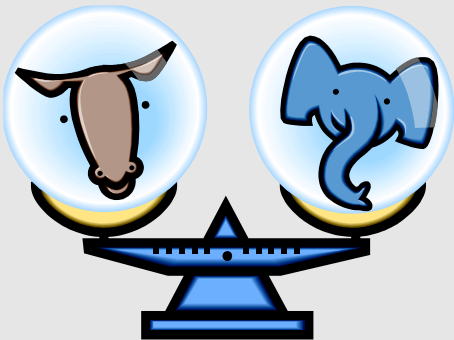
E. HOW MANY

- 1. Minimum signature requirements for school boards: 50
(10% of voters or 50, whichever is less)**
- 2. Tip: get more than minimum!**

III. COMMON ISSUES

A. CANDIDATE'S NAME

1. **Nicknames acceptable**
2. **Political slogans, titles or degrees not permitted**
3. **If name has changed within last 3 years, must state former name and date of name change**



III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

B. TITLE OF OFFICE

- 1. Correct name of school district**
- 2. Correct title of office**
- 3. Full term or vacancy**
- 4. Election, not nomination**
- 5. Consistency between candidacy and petition sheets**

III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

1. **Name as on ballot**
2. **Proper address**
3. **Proper title of office**
4. **Proper Notarization**
 - **witness signature**



III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

D. VALIDITY OF SIGNATURES

- 1. “In their own proper person”: no Mom & Pop**
- 2. Printed signatures: consistent with registration**
- 3. Illegible signatures**
- 4. Nonregistered voter**
- 5. Wrong address**
- 6. Incomplete address**
- 7. Out-of-district signers**
- 8. Duplicate signatures on same petitions**
- 9. Signing for opposing candidates**

III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

E. DATES OF CIRCULATION

- 1. Beginning September 22 (no earlier than 90 days before petitions due)**
- 2. Dates, range of dates, or certificate of compliance with 90-day rule must be stated**

III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

F. METHOD OF CIRCULATION

1. Signed in circulator's presence
2. Pattern of fraud doctrine



III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

G. CIRCULATOR QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Need not be registered voter in district**
- 2. Candidate permissible**
- 3. Circulator for different candidates permissible, up to number of positions open**

III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

H. CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

- 1. Presence of circulator before notary**
- 2. Qualified notary?**
- 3. Jurat form**
- 4. Circulator cannot notarize own signature**
- 5. Candidate may notarize**

III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

I. ASSEMBLING PAPERS

- 1. Numbering of petition sheets**
- 2. No photocopies**
- 3. In book form, fastened at one edge by secure means, not pasted**
- 4. All papers simultaneously, except maybe receipt for statement of economic interest**

III. COMMON ISSUES – cont.

J. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

- 1. File with county clerk and get receipt**
- 2. County clerk of county of district, not candidate's residence**
- 3. File in current year (2020)**
- 4. *Receipt* filed with petitions, *not statement itself***
- 5. May be filed separate, but with same deadline**
- 6. Incumbents file once per year**
- 7. File separate statements for different governmental units**

IV. ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 6, 2021, CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

- September 22, 2020** First day to circulate candidate's nomination papers.
- December 14, 2020** First day to file candidate's nomination papers with county clerk.
- December 21, 2020** Last day to file candidate's nomination papers with county clerk.
- December 29, 2020** Last day to file objections to candidate's nomination papers.
- December 29, 2020** Last day on which candidates who have filed for 2 or more incompatible offices can file withdrawal of candidacy for all but one office with county clerk.
- December 30, 2020** Last day for county clerk to hold lottery for ballot position.

IV. TENTATIVE ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 6, 2021, CONSOLIDATED ELECTION – cont.

January 28, 2021	Last day to file withdrawal of candidacy with county election authority.
February 4, 2021	Last day for write-in candidates to file notarized declaration of intent with county election authority.
April 6, 2021	Consolidated Election.
April 27, 2021	Last day for county clerk to canvass results and proclaim winners.

