Election

Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

A person is legally qualified to become a board member who is a United States citizen, and a qualified voter resident in the school district and appropriate director district, if any.

A person may become a candidate for a place on the board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the July filing period as prescribed by law. If the school district includes territory in two or more counties, the declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county designated by the state board of education as county to which the district belongs, pursuant to RCW 28A.323.040. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any position on the board, a primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of September in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the election ballot in November.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs before the sixth Tuesday prior to the primary election, the county auditor shall establish a special three-day filing period.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs after the sixth Tuesday before the primary election, but before the sixth Tues- day before the general election, then the county auditor shall establish a special three day filing period. In such a case, regardless of the number of candidates, there will be no primary, and the winner of the position will be the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs after the sixth Tuesday before the general election, the scheduled election is lapsed, the election deemed stricken from the ballot, no write-in votes counted and no candidate certified as elected. If an incumbent school director is serving in this instance, the director's service on the board will continue until the next school board election or until the director resigns.
If no director is currently serving, the position will be filled by the board consistent with the board's policy on filling vacancies.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 1115	Vacancies
	Board Policy 1610	Conflicts of Interest
Legal References:	RCW 28A.323.040	Joint school districts Administration County to which joint school district considered as belonging
	RCW 28A.343.300	Directors - Terms -Numbers
	RCW 28A.343.320	Directors - Declarations of candidacy
	RCW 29A.24.181	Reopening of filing -Occurrences after sixth Tuesday before primary
	RCW 29A.24.191	Scheduled election lapses, when
	RCW 29A.52.210	Local primaries
	RCW 42.12.010	Causes of vacancy — Positions as separate offices
	RCW 28A.343.330	Directors — Ballots — Form
	RCW 28A.343.340	Directors — When elected — Eligibility
	RCW 29A.04.151	

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