SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
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N299 W5614 Cty Rd E
Hartland, WI
53029

2027 School Board Election Candidates

Two seats will be on the 2027 ballot to elect Swallow School Board Members. The spring election is held on the first Tuesday in April, Wis. Stat. 5.02(21), which is Tuesday, April 6, 2027. The two winners in the election will serve three-year terms, starting on April 26, 2027.

Incumbents	**Term**
Daniel Fuhrman	3-Year Term
Wendy Szafranski	3-Year Term

Ballot Access Documents

Candidates are required to file a Campaign Finance Registration Statement (CF-1L), and a Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162SD), by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027. Once filed, candidates' Filing Documents are open to the public upon request. Please be sure to follow the directions included with each ballot access document.

The District Office is located at W299 N5614 County Road E, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029, and is the designated filing location for all forms, petitions, oaths of office, and other filings related to Board elections. The District Office is open Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The filing office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027, for the candidate filing deadline. The filing office will be closed on the following dates: November 25, 26, 27, 2026; December 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, and 31 2026; and January 1, and 2 2027. Original forms must be filed with School Board Secretary, Nancy Hazelberg; contact information district@swallowschool.org or 262-376-2000.

A packet is available to pick up from the District Office and contains the following documents:

- This 2-page Memo to School Board Candidates
- 2027 Guide for Candidates from Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB)
- ELIS-5 SD Ballot Access Checklist for 2024 School District Candidates (Rev. 2023-5)
- CF-1L Campaign Finance Registration Statement - Local Candidate Fillable PDF
- EL-162SD Declaration of Candidacy SD Candidates (Rev. 2019-08) Fillable PDF
- ETIS-8 Campaign Finance Checklist for 2024 School District Candidates
- Campaign Finance Overview - Local Candidate Committees (September 2023)
- Swallow Candidate Questionnaire
- Swallow Strategic and Long Range Planning

Forms and Manuals prescribed by the Wisconsin Ethics Commission (campaign finance) and the Wisconsin Elections Commission for the making of reports and statements under the campaign finance laws are available on the following websites, and copies of such forms and certain manuals will be made available to candidate committees at no charge upon request:

http://elections.wi.gov/forms - 608-266-8005 http://ethics.wi.gov/forms - 608-266-8123

Who is eligible to be a candidate?

All candidates must meet the age and residency requirements established for the office to which they are seeking election. A candidate for school district office must be a qualified elector of the school district at the time of filing a Declaration of Candidacy (EL- 162sd). Wis. Stats. §§ 120.05(1)(d), 120.06(2), (6)(b)2. 120.06(7)(a). Therefore, a candidate for school board must have satisfied the 28-day residency requirement before filing a Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162sd).

Primary Election

If seven or more candidates file for the open seats, a **spring primary** will be held on the third Tuesday in February. Section 5.02(22), which is Tuesday, February 16, 2027. The six highest-ranking candidates from the Primary Election will have their names placed on the ballot for the Spring Election.

Campaigning, Campaign Signs, Handouts/Flyers, and Mailers

Candidates/Committees running for the office of School Board are not directly affiliated with the Swallow School District. In order for the District to remain neutral in the election process and to protect the use of our District/school logo(s) and brand, the use of the District/school logo(s) is not allowed on any campaign materials.

Campaign Finance Contribution Limits for School Board Candidates

In early 2022, the Ethics Commission's staff provided the Wisconsin Association of School Boards with a spreadsheet, based on the 2020 federal census, that shows each district's total population and calculates the following contribution limits for Swallow: (1) a **$500.00** contribution limit from an individual or candidate committee, (the yellow column); and (2) a **$400.00** contribution limit from a political action committee (the gray column). Please note that unless the legislature amends the campaign finance laws, the 2020 census data will be used to determine the applicable campaign contribution limits until the results of the 2030 census are available. All candidate committees must adhere to the applicable contribution limits, even if the committee has registered as "exempt" from filing campaign finance reports.

Campaign Finance Reporting/Committee Termination

All candidate committees, even those that are exempt from filing periodic campaign finance reports, must adhere to other requirements of the campaign finance law, such as:

- Keeping adequate records of all contributions received and disbursements made, including in-kind contributions;
- Adhering to contribution limits from specific sources;
- Including "paid for by" attribution statements on applicable campaign materials; and
- Filing a termination report at the appropriate time.

Please refer to the Campaign Finance Overview - Local Candidate Committees (September 2023) or contact the Ethics Commission directly with questions.

Campaign Finance Report Filing Deadlines: https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/CampaignFinance/ReportPeriods.aspx

Time Commitment

The Swallow School Board holds one regular meeting each month, and a work session on the first Thursday of the month. The regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month with the exception of the Annual meeting currently scheduled for September. Special School Board meetings are held as needed. Additionally, there are some Board Committee meetings each month, each consisting of three Committee Members. Board and Committee meetings average 1 - 3 hours in length. This does not include the time Board Members should

take to review the meeting handouts and resources ahead of time.

Annual Compensation

Annual Compensation for Swallow School Board Members is currently $2,500 for 2026-2027. Board members are paid with the March 15 payroll unless the member has provided timely annual notice of refusal to accept the salary. Notice must be provided prior to taking the oath of office and performing any service for the initial year of election or appointment and may be renewed for subsequent years by notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the member's taxable year unless statutory exceptions apply. See Board policy po0144.1 Compensation.

School Board webpage: https://www.swallowschool.org/