

District Code:

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The qualified voters of the Pattonville R-III School District shall annually elect two (2) directors for terms of three (3) years each on the municipal Election Day in April. An additional director shall be elected triennially. Unexpired vacant terms will be filled in accordance with law.

Candidate Filing

Before the sixteenth Tuesday preceding the election, the Board shall publish in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the district the opening filing date, the offices to be filled, the place for filing and the closing date for filing.

Qualified applicants for the Board may file a declaration of candidacy during business hours in the superintendent's office commencing at 8:00 a.m. on the sixteenth Tuesday prior to the election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the election. The candidate shall declare his or her intent to become a candidate, in person and in writing, to the "Secretary to the Board of Education", or designee. The district shall clearly designate where candidates shall form a line to facilitate such filings and to determine the order of such filings. The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in order of filing.

The notice of election and certification of candidates must be submitted to the election authority by the tenth Tuesday prior to the election in the manner provided by law. After the tenth Tuesday prior to the election, the candidate list may only be modified pursuant to court order, in accordance with law.

Prior to the district's certification of candidates to the election authority, a candidate may withdraw from the election by presenting to the district a notarized written statement of his or her intention to withdraw. After the deadline for certification of candidates to the election authority, a candidate may only withdraw pursuant to court order, in accordance with law.

The district will provide each candidate a copy of the Notice of Candidate's Obligation to File Financial Interest Statement and a plain language summary of the applicable laws provided by the Missouri Ethics Commission as required by law. Candidates must comply with laws concerning eligibility, campaign financing and campaign disclosures.

Write-In Candidates

If candidates have filed for a position, a person interested in becoming a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority prior to 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday immediately preceding the Election Day in order for the votes to be counted. If no candidates have filed for the position, filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is not necessary.

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No Election Held

No election will be held if, after the last date of candidate filing, the number of candidates who have filed is equal to the number of positions to be filled by the election. However, if the number of candidates filing exceeds the number of positions, the election will be held even if a sufficient number of candidates withdraw so that the remaining candidates are equal to the number of positions to be filled.

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Cross Refs.: BBBA, Board Member Qualifications
BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest