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School Board Elections / Budget Vote

The Board of Education, a branch of state government, is elected locally by the citizens of the Whitney Point Central School District. Every school district has its own school board. The Board's primary responsibilities are: to set local policy, to levy property taxes to help meet the district budget, and to hire a Superintendent to run the schools in the district. Board members are elected to three (3) year terms.

Elections: School Board elections are held the **third Tuesday in May of each year**. One or more of the seven (7) board members stand for election in any given year.

Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs on the Board between elections, the Board may choose to call for a special election or appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the next annual election.

Running for the Board: Any resident (who does not hold a city office) is eligible to run for election to the Board of Education (Policy #1210). Contact the District Clerk at 607-692-8313 if you are interested. To qualify, you:

1. Must be able to read and write.
2. Must be a qualified voter in the district that is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent.
3. Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one (1) year immediately before the election.
4. Must not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office: district superintendent, supervisor, clerk, tax collector, treasurer or librarian.
5. May not hold any city office other than that of a police officer or fire fighter.
6. May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
7. May not be a current employee of the school board.
8. May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
9. May not be a convicted felon whose maximum prison sentence has not expired or who has not been pardoned or discharged from parole.

Voter qualifications: To vote in the school elections, you must be:

1. A United States citizen;
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of election;
3. A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee Ballots are available, **upon proper application**, to any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person on the day of the election due to illness / physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration or travel outside of the county / city of residence. Applications **must** be received by the District Clerk at least **7 days before** the election.

You may obtain an application from the District Clerk, Monday – Friday between the

hours of 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. by:

* Phone 607-692-8313

* Email cburchell@wpcsd.org

* In person at the District Office, High School Bldg., 10 Keibel Rd., Whitney Point, NY

Additional Information:

1. Candidates shall be nominated by petition and run for a specific seat.
2. There are two, three-year positions for election on May 21, 2019 - the positions are currently held by Brian Jeker and Christine Widdall.
3. The number of signatures needed to nominate a candidate for placement on the May 21, 2019 ballot is at least 25.
4. Each petition must be submitted to the District Clerk at 10 Keibel Rd., Whitney Point, NY on or before Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact Cynthia Burchell, District Clerk, 607-692-8313 or cburchell@wpcsd.org