

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BUFFALO BOARD OF EDUCATION 2019 CALENDAR

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February 26th	-----	First day for signing nominating petitions [Election Law §6-138 (4)]
April 2nd	-----	First day for filing nominating petitions [Education Law §2553 (10)(d)(2)]
April 9th	-----	Last day for filing nominating petitions [Education Law §2553 (10)(d)(2)]
April 12th	-----	Last day for filing acceptance or declination [Education Law §2553 (10)(d)(2)]
May 7th	-----	Election Day – Polls open 6am-9pm [Education Law §2553 (10)(p) and Election Law §8-100 (2)]

General Objections – Within three (3) days of filing petition [Election Law §6-154(2)]
Specific Objections – Within six (6) days of filing general objections [Election Law §6-154(2)]

FINANCIAL FILING DATES

[Education Law §1529 (1)(a)(b)(c)]

April 8th, 2018

May 2nd, 2018

May 28th, 2018

A statement will be deemed properly filed when it is deposited in and postmarked in any established post office within the time indicated above.

MEMBER AT LARGE

5 Year Term in place of:

Barbara A. Nevergold	Member At Large
Patricia Pierce	Member At Large
Lawrence Quinn	Member At Large

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

3 Year Term in place of:

Paulette Woods	Central District
Theresa Harris-Tigg	East District
Sharon Belton-Cottman	Ferry District
Hope Jay	North District
Louis Petrucci	Park District
Jennifer Mecozzi	West District

NOMINATING PETITIONS

Number of Signatures Required – Member at Large: 1000 Signatures

District Member: 500 Signatures [Education Law §2553 (10)(d) (1)]

Form – Specified in Education Law §2553 (10)(d)(2), §2553 (10)(d)(3)(f), & §2553 (10)(d)(3)(g)

Sample – available at Erie County Board of Elections

REGISTRATION

[Election Law §5-210(3)]

MAIL REGISTRATIONS must be postmarked by **April 12th** and received no later than **April 17th**

CAMPAIGN FINANCE INFORMATION

New York State Education Law §1529 (1)(a)(b)(c) requires all candidates for election to a Board of Education should file sworn statements of campaign expenses. The following questions and answers are intended to be of assistance to school districts in the implementation of the law:

Q: Is filing required of all candidates?

A: Yes.

Q: Must a candidate who is appointed to a vacant board seat file?

A: No, filing is necessary only when an election is involved.

Q: With whom must the candidate file?

A: The Clerk of the School District and the Commissioner of Education.

Q: Is there a specific format for filing?

A: No, the format is left to the discretion of the candidate.

Q: What information must be included in the filing?

A: The filing must set forth all monies or other valuable things which he or she has paid, received, given, expended or promised or which have been incurred for or on their behalf with candidate approval by any person, firm, association or corporation for the purpose of aiding in their nomination or election or to defeat any other candidate in the election.

Q: Must a candidate file if such candidate incurs little or no personal expenditures and/or if expenditure incurred by others with candidate approval are minimal?

A: Every candidate must file. An itemization is necessary if expenditures exceed \$500. When the candidate's only expenditures were for personal expenses which, when taken together with the total expenditures incurred by others on their behalf and with candidate approval are under \$500, a sworn statement must be filed indicating that their election expenditures did not exceed \$500. Refer to §1528 of the New York State Education Law for determining expenditures.

Q: Must a candidate file if the aggregate amount of all contributions made to such candidate does not exceed \$500?

A: Every candidate must file. A sworn statement to the effect that his or her election contributions received did not exceed \$500 must be filed. Refer to §1528 of the New York State Education Law for determining contributions.

Q: What are personal expenses for the purpose of this law?

A: Expenses directly and personally incurred and paid by the candidate including traveling expense, and expenses incidental thereto, expenses for writing, printing and preparing for transmission letters, circulars, or other publications not issued at regular intervals, setting forth their position or views on public or other questions, and expenses for stationery, postage, telephone, telegraph and other public message services.

Q: What filing is required if expenditures are made by a person or persons on behalf of a candidate without their approval?

A: The person or persons making such expenditures without the candidate's approval must file a sworn statement with the clerk and Commissioner stating that the candidate did not approve such expenditure. Such expenditures are limited to \$25 and shall not be included in determining the total expenditures of \$500 mentioned above.

Q: When must statements be filed?

A: A first statement shall be filed on or before the 30th day next preceding the election. A second statement shall be filed on or before the 5th day next preceding the election. A third statement shall be filed within 20 days next succeeding the election.

Q: How long must statements be kept in the school districts files?

A: Three years from the date of filing. These statements constitute public records and must be open to public inspection.

Q: Do school districts have any enforcement responsibilities with regard to this law?

A: No, we urge, however, that district officials inform candidates, in advance of each election, of their responsibilities under the law, and that they notify candidates whose statements have not been received when due.

Q: Where should statements be mailed in order to meet the requirements for filing with the Commissioner of Education and the Clerk of the School District?

Commissioner of Education	Darren J. Brown, Chief of Staff
Room 876 EBA	801 City Hall
Albany, New York 12234	Buffalo, New York 14202

Q: To whom may questions regarding Chapter 359 be directed at the State Education Department?

Jay O'Connor
Educational Management Services
Room 876 EBA
Albany, NY 12234
Phone: (518) 474-6541

Q: What action may be taken against a candidate who fails to file a statement or if a statement is incorrectly filed?

A: The Supreme Court or a Justice thereof, in a proceeding instituted by any candidate voted for at the election or by any five qualified voters, may compel a candidate by order to file a statement or to file a new or supplemental statement which was incorrectly filed originally.

The above information is intended to be a guideline and is not inclusive of all information pertaining to the responsibilities of the candidate.

For further information refer to the New York State Education and Election Laws and contacts at the New York State Department of Education and the City of Buffalo Board of Education.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OF BUFFALO SCHOOL BOARD

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR:

MEMBER AT LARGE

§2553 of the Education Law requires the candidate be:

- a. a qualified voter of such city school district
- b. a resident of such district for a period of at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the election

SUBDISTRICT MEMBERS

§2553 of the Education Law requires the candidate be:

- a. a qualified voter of such school district
- b. resident of the city school district for three (3) years
- c. resident of the city school subdistrict which he represents or seeks to represent for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election

Buffalo School Board Apportionment

December 2012

CENTRAL

Delaware 27
Ellicott 1 - 5, 7 - 32
Fillmore 1 - 8, 10, 18, 20, 22, 29, 34
Masten 27, 34, 37, 39 - 41
Niagara 24 - 26, 28

EAST

Fillmore 11, 21, 23 - 28, 30 - 33, 35
Lovejoy 3 - 22
Masten 6, 42
University 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19 - 27

FERRY

Delaware 23 - 25, 28
Ellicott 6
Fillmore 9
Lovejoy 1, 2
Masten 1 - 5, 7 - 26, 28 - 33, 35, 36, 38
University 1 - 4, 6, 8 - 10, 13, 15, 18

NORTH

Delaware 1 - 22, 26, 29 - 34
Niagara 3, 6, 15, 18, 19
North 2 - 4, 8 - 11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27
University 5, 7

PARK

Fillmore 12 - 17, 19
Lovejoy 23 - 32
South 1 - 30 (All)

WEST

Ellicott 33 - 36
Niagara 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 - 14, 16, 17, 20 - 23, 27
North 1, 5 - 7, 12 - 14, 17, 18, 21 - 23, 25