

BOARD of EDUCATION Fort Smith Public Schools



ACTION

TITLE: September Board Election Resolution

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBLE: Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent

DATE: July 17, 2017

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

Only one candidate submitted properly signed petitions for At-large, Position 2 and Zone III, Position 7, by the filing deadline.

The proposed school tax rate of 36.5 mills is the same rate previously levied; no increase is proposed.

Section 6-14-102 (c)(1) A.C.A. includes the following provision:

In any election year, if no more than one (1) candidate for any school district director position presents a petition or notice as required by Section 6-14-111 and if there are no other ballot issues to be submitted to school district electors for consideration, with the exception of the local tax rate if that rate is not being changed or restructured, the board of directors of any school district, by resolution, may request the county board of election commissioners to reduce the number of polling places or to open no polling places on election day so that the election can be conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only.

There are cost savings associated with using the procedures authorized by the statute.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution as written. If the Board agrees, the motion would read, "Move to approve the resolution as written."