



2015 OSBA RESOLUTIONS

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION:

The Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) has referred three (3) resolutions to be voted on during electronic voting November 15 – December 15, 2014:

1. **Resolution 1** – Adopts the proposed 2015 OSBA Legislative Policies and Priorities.
2. **Resolution 2** – Amends the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for the adoption of OSBA's Legislative Policies.
3. **Resolution 3** – Amends the OSBA Constitution to allow appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met.

RECOMMENDATION:

(14-479) The Beaverton School Board is asked to discuss and vote on these three resolutions tonight. This is a Board vote, not an individual vote.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Resolution to adopt the 2015 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Policies as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee

WHEREAS, the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee is charged under the OSBA Constitution with developing the association's recommended Legislative Priorities and Policies, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee met on January 25-26, 2104, and April 25-26, 2014, to develop the recommended Legislative Priorities and Policies for 2015, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee sent the proposed 2015 Legislative Priorities and Policies out to the membership of OSBA for comment and suggested changes, and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the comments received by the membership were in support of the proposed 2015 Legislative Priorities and Policies developed by the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee met on September 4, 2014, to review the comments received by the membership, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee discussed the comments from the membership and reviewed the OSBA staff's recommended changes and made minor modifications to the proposed 2015 Legislative Priorities and Policies, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee approved the 2015 Legislative Priorities and Policies at its September 4, 2014, meeting and urged the OSBA Board of Directors to approve the recommended 2015 Legislative Priorities and Policies and place them before the membership for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OSBA Board of Directors that the Recommended 2015 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Policies be placed before the membership for consideration during the 2014 OSBA election season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Recommended 2015 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Policies and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all member boards of the Association in accordance with the OSBA Board of Directors adopted elections calendar.

Submitted by: OSBA Board of Directors



OSBA PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2015
Approved by the Legislative Policy Committee on September 4, 2014

The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) believes funding a strong system of public education is the best investment Oregonians can make to strengthen our economy, create thriving communities and improve the quality of life for every Oregonian.

In order to accomplish these goals, OSBA will introduce and support legislation which:

- **Supports Student Achievement:**

OSBA will actively promote legislation that leads to increased academic achievement for all students in the P-20 education enterprise. OSBA will work to ensure local school boards and communities control the implementation of programs and curriculum so that every student is college or career ready upon completion of their academic program. OSBA will support efforts to increase high school completion, lower the number of drop-outs, close academic achievement gaps and provide additional services to all students who need extra supports.

- **Provides Stable and Adequate Funding:**

OSBA will actively promote legislation to increase state and federal funding for the public school system to ensure adequate and stable funding for each school district and Education Service District (ESD) so that they may provide a quality public education for every student.

OSBA believes a balanced approach is necessary to increase education funding and to provide stable and adequate funding of Oregon's public school system. OSBA will actively promote legislation that strives for this balance by advocating for the restructure of Oregon's revenue system, promoting job creation and increasing opportunities for economic development across Oregon.

- **Empowers Locally Elected School Boards and Provides for Shared Accountability:**

OSBA will actively support legislation that gives locally elected boards the ability to make decisions in the best interests of their students and communities. OSBA will highlight the need for shared accountability to improve student achievement between state and federal policy makers, the business community, locally elected board members and the voters of Oregon.

- **Opposes Mandates:**

OSBA will actively oppose any federal or state imposed mandate that does not lead to increased academic achievement for students and is not accompanied with the necessary full funding to implement the mandate.



- **Promotes Capital Construction/Capital Improvements:**

OSBA will actively promote legislation that provides additional state level resources to school districts to help pay for capital construction/capital improvement needs, as well as deferred maintenance costs for all school facilities.

- **Contains Educational System Cost-Drivers:**

OSBA will actively promote legislation that provides relief for school districts from cost drivers that are beyond the control of the local school district or school board. These cost drivers include, but are not limited to, the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), health insurance and any state or federally mandated program or service.



OSBA PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE POLICIES FOR 2015
Approved by the Legislative Policy Committee on September 4, 2014

Section 1: Finance

PROPOSED - 1.1 Investing in Oregon’s Public Schools to Ensure Adequate and Stable Funding

OSBA supports increasing state resources to K-12 school districts so that Oregon’s schools are competitive nationally and globally and each school district and Education Service District (ESD) has the funds necessary to support operational, instructional and student achievement goals.

OSBA supports the role of locally elected school boards to set spending priorities and opposes using the State School Fund distribution formula to mandate specific expenditures. OSBA supports school funding equalization. OSBA supports continued funding of local option equalization grants; local option property tax revenue should not be included in the State School Fund.

OSBA supports increased funding for all levels of the P-20 education enterprise to support increased achievement for every child and student. OSBA supports the Quality Education Commission's (QEC) effort to promote best practices to improve student outcomes and encourages the Commission to work with the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) to identify funding necessary to achieve the 40-40-20 goal by 2025.

PROPOSED - 1.2 Reforming Tax Policy

OSBA supports efforts to provide the revenue necessary to attain the educational goals of Oregon’s P-20 system and restructure tax policy to reduce the volatility of Oregon’s current system.

OSBA supports modification of the state's personal and corporate income tax “kicker” law to allow “kicker” funds to be deposited into a “rainy day” account and used in times of economic distress.

OSBA supports the authority of local districts to seek voter approval for supplemental operating revenue from a variety of additional sources, including local option levies.

OSBA supports efforts to modify the property tax system to mitigate the impacts of property tax compression.

PROPOSED - 1.3 Mandate Relief, Paperwork Reduction and Public Funds for Public Schools

OSBA advocates for mandate relief and paperwork reductions for school districts and ESDs as a means to streamline bureaucracy, remove duplicative or unnecessary reporting and get more resources into the



classroom. OSBA opposes any mechanism that diverts public funds, including tax credits and vouchers, to private, religious or for-profit schools or erodes financial support of the public school system.

PROPOSED - 1.4 State Department of Education Supporting Districts

OSBA supports funding for Oregon Department of Education programs and state level initiatives that are sustainable and provide quality technical and programmatic assistance and supports to school districts and ESDs targeted at improving student achievement.

OSBA supports providing resources and supports to school districts and education services districts to support and ensure the equitable distribution of any grant or strategic investment monies.

OSBA opposes any effort to create an accountability or intervention system that would lead to the state take-over of any local school, school district or ESD.

PROPOSED - 1.5 Financial and Program Accountability

OSBA supports a strong system of meaningful school district and ESD financial accountability for the expenditure of public funds and program accountability for student achievement and outcomes.

PROPOSED - 1.6 State Bonding for School District Capital and Infrastructure Needs

OSBA supports use of additional state resources and the issuance of state general obligation bonds to assist school districts and ESDs in providing modern, well equipped schools and academically appropriate classrooms and buildings that provide safe, structurally sound and healthy learning environments to promote student achievement.

Section 2: Programs

PROPOSED - 2.1 School Improvement

OSBA supports state-level school improvement efforts provided they are implemented in ways that grant local school officials maximum flexibility to incorporate community needs and priorities.

PROPOSED - 2.2 Special Education

OSBA supports increased categorical funding and enhanced levels of state and federal aid for the costs associated with special education programs throughout the P-20 system. OSBA supports full funding for students with the most severe low-incidence, high-cost disabilities, including those served in out-of-district or out-of-state placements.

PROPOSED - 2.3 Education Service Districts

OSBA supports the role of ESDs to assist school districts in achieving Oregon's educational goals by providing equitable, high-quality, cost-effective, locally-responsive educational services on a regional basis.



PROPOSED - 2.4 Curriculum, Technology and Online Education

OSBA supports providing a well-rounded and rigorous curriculum for all students, including opportunities for music, art, PE, world languages, STEM, career and technical education and co-curricular activities.

OSBA supports curriculum related decisions made at the district level and opposes state or federal instructional mandates.

OSBA supports the use of English Language Learner and language immersion programs as a viable way to provide needed support while integrating emerging bilingual speakers into the standard district curriculum.

OSBA supports increasing access to technology to enhance and support curriculum delivery and promote greater student achievement.

OSBA supports state level funding to support and improve the technology infrastructure available to school districts and ESDs. OSBA supports removing online education programs from the charter school statute and creating a separate section within the law for online educational programs.

OSBA supports state financial and professional development resources so districts can implement the Oregon state standards and student assessments and provide appropriate information and updates to the public. OSBA supports local control of curriculum and materials related to the Oregon state standards.

PROPOSED - 2.5 Public Charter Schools

OSBA supports public, district sponsored charter schools as an additional tool to provide innovative educational options to students.

OSBA opposes changes to the charter school law that would channel public funds to private and religious schools, allow entities other than school district boards to authorize charter schools within their boundaries, mandate direct access to the State School Fund by charter schools or decrease school district funding and oversight of charter schools.

PROPOSED - 2.6 Career and Technical Education (CTE)

OSBA supports new and continued partnerships with community colleges, higher education, apprenticeship programs, the business community and other entities to increase educational and career opportunities for students.

OSBA supports changes to teacher licensing laws to allow greater flexibility for individuals who do not hold a traditional teaching license to provide instruction in CTE courses.

PROPOSED - 2.7 Post-Secondary Opportunities for High School Students

OSBA supports increased access and opportunities for students to participate in post-secondary programs and classes while enrolled in high school at minimal or no cost to the student.



OSBA opposes use of State School Fund dollars for 5-year high school diploma programs that include a 5th year for post-secondary enrollment. OSBA believes the state should instead establish a dedicated source of funds to invest in these programs that does not dilute the State School Fund.

Section 3: Personnel

PROPOSED - 3.1 Collective Bargaining and Management Rights

OSBA supports local control of collective bargaining and opposes statewide bargaining and the creation of a statewide salary schedule. OSBA supports changing the collective bargaining structure to eliminate “status quo” bargaining and establish shorter bargaining time lines. OSBA supports the right of districts to look for ways to contain costs by contracting with outside providers for services.

PROPOSED - 3.2 Employee Rights and Benefits

OSBA supports determination and definition of school employee rights and benefits through the collective bargaining process at the local level. OSBA supports an actuarially-sound statewide retirement program for school employees that balances benefit adequacy for employees against costs for employers. OSBA supports local school boards working with employee groups to provide the most cost effective health insurance plans, including Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) opt out.

PROPOSED - 3.3 Teacher and Administrator Licensing

OSBA supports licensing requirements that assure a level of preparation necessary to teach to rigorous academic standards, recognize licenses from other states and understand the challenges districts face attracting and retaining qualified personnel. OSBA supports working collaboratively with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and the teacher preparation programs within higher education to prepare educators to increase student achievement and address the needs of all students in Oregon.

OSBA supports additional flexibility to allow more teachers to provide college-level instruction in public high schools.

OSBA supports changes to teacher licensing laws to allow greater flexibility for individuals who do not hold a traditional teaching license to provide instruction in CTE courses.

PROPOSED - 3.4 Teacher and Administrator Quality

OSBA recognizes that teacher and administrator quality is one of the most important factors in improving student achievement. OSBA supports local and state programs to provide professional development, mentoring and training for teachers and administrators that is rigorous and leads to a system of continuous improvement and growth in student achievement. OSBA supports rigorous, quality, ongoing evaluations of teachers and administrators, which include consideration of student achievement and growth. OSBA supports efforts to attract more diverse and multi-lingual school employees.



Section 4: Governance and Operations

PROPOSED - 4.1 Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB)

OSBA supports the continuation of OEIB under the following conditions:

OSBA strongly supports the appointment of educators and stakeholders that work directly with students and school districts, including public school board members and parents, to serve on the OEIB.

OSBA supports a sustainable and seamless P-20 education system in Oregon from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary that improves student achievement and student outcomes at all levels.

OSBA believes increased state and federal expectations for student outcomes must be accompanied by increased state and federal investments necessary to increase student achievement and support the state's 40-40-20 goals.

OSBA supports the use of the Achievement Compacts as a locally created tool to measure student achievement and local district outcomes and to set educational goals for school districts. OSBA opposes the use of the Achievement Compacts as a tool to justify state mandated interventions or state take-over of local schools, schools districts or ESDs.

PROPOSED - 4.2 State Board of Education

OSBA supports a state Board of Education as the appropriate state-level policy-making body for elementary and secondary schools.

PROPOSED - 4.3 Local Governance

OSBA members believe that locally elected school district and ESD boards are best equipped to make decisions in the best interests of their students and communities and will strongly advocate for Oregon's tradition of democratically elected, local governance of school districts. OSBA opposes measures that would place additional restrictions on local voters' ability to govern their school districts.

PROPOSED - 4.4 School Safety and Student Wellness

OSBA supports local measures that promote safety and wellness in the school environment for students, staff, parents, patrons and the community as a whole.

Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for the adoption of OSBA's Legislative Policies

WHEREAS, the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) was formed in 1946 as a volunteer association of locally-elected public school boards, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Policy Committee of OSBA develops and proposes the legislative policies of the Association, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of OSBA has amended numerous times by the membership of the association, and

WHEREAS, some of the previous modifications to the OSBA Constitution have created some internal inconsistencies within the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Board of Directors appointed a Governance Committee of the Board to review the Constitution and recommend suggested amendments to the OSBA Constitution to correct any inconsistencies, and

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee met and reviewed the OSBA Constitution and recommended amending the OSBA Constitution, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the recommended amendments to the OSBA Constitution as proposed by the Governance Committee the OSBA Board of Directors approved the recommended amendments attached to this Resolution at its June 2014 Board meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OSBA Board of Directors that the proposed amendment to the OSBA Constitution be placed before the membership for consideration during the 2014 OSBA election season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed amendment to the OSBA Constitution and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all member boards of the Association in accordance with the OSBA Board of Directors adopted elections calendar.

Submitted by: OSBA Board of Directors

Article 7: Committees

Section 1: **Executive Committee:** The executive committee shall consist of five officers of the board of directors: the president as chairman, the president-elect, the vice president, the secretary-treasurer and the immediate past president. The executive committee may act, pursuant to delegation of authority to such committee by the board of directors, in place and instead of the board of directors between board meetings on all matters except those specifically reserved to the board by this constitution. Actions of the executive committee shall be reported to the board by mail, email or at the next board meeting.

Section 2: **Legislative Policy Committee:** The legislative policy committee (LPC) shall be composed of the voting members of the board of directors of the association and regional representatives elected by procedures outlined in Articles 9 and 10. The vice president of the board shall chair the committee.

~~The LPC shall develop legislative policies which are recommended to and approved by the membership at the annual meeting and may act on behalf of the association in accordance with those policies.~~ ***Proposed New Language: The LPC shall develop legislative policies which are recommended to and approved by the membership as a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership in accordance with Article 11.***

Section 3: The LPC also advises the executive director and staff during legislative sessions. Subject to the approval of the board and consistent with this constitution, the president may create and appoint members of such committees as the president deems necessary to carry out the business of the association.

Section 4: **Finance Committee:** The finance committee shall be appointed by the president and shall be composed of members from Oregon public school districts with boards that meet all criteria to be OSBA voting members. The members shall include, but are not limited to, the OSBA secretary/treasurer and vice president, one OSBA board member from the PACE board, one district business official and one at-large board member.

The finance committee shall operate within the guidelines of the association's investment policy and the Finance Committee Operating Manual.

Article 8: Membership Meetings

Section 1: There shall be held an annual meeting of the association. The date, time and place of the annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors. Special meetings shall be called at such time and place as the president may deem necessary.

Section 2: All member boards shall be officially notified of the place and time of all meetings by written notice, mailed via U.S. mail or electronic mail to either the chairman or the clerk of all member boards at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The board of directors shall cause such notice to be mailed.

**Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to allow
appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee
members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met**

WHEREAS, the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) was formed in 1946 as a volunteer association of locally-elected public school boards, and

WHEREAS, elections for the Board of Directors of OSBA, the Legislative Policy Committee of OSBA are governed by the OSBA Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the OSBA Board of Directors appointed a Governance Committee of the Board to review the regional structure of the Association as outlined in the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee recognized that from time to time the OSBA Board of Director and the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee do not have members seeking election or appointment to these bodies from the regions as required by the OSBA Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee met and recommended amending the OSBA Constitution to allow a school board member to be appointed to fill vacant positions on the OSBA Board of Directors and the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee from an adjacent region if no member from that region either sought election or appointment to the OSBA Board of Directors or the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the recommended amendments to the OSBA Constitution as proposed by the Governance Committee the OSBA Board of Directors approved the recommended amendments attached to this Resolution at its June 2014 Board meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OSBA Board of Directors that the proposed amendments to the OSBA Constitution be placed before the membership for consideration during the 2014 OSBA election season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed amendments to the OSBA Constitution and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all member boards of the Association in accordance with the OSBA Board of Directors adopted elections calendar.

Submitted by: OSBA Board of Directors

Article 10: Election Procedures; Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee

- Section 1: Election of officers, board of director members and regional members of the legislative policy committee shall take place according to the following schedules:
- (a) Officers: By September 30;
 - (b) Board of directors: Regional elections in accordance with the elections calendar adopted by the board;
 - (c) Legislative policy committee: In conjunction with board regional elections in odd-numbered years in accordance with the elections calendar adopted by the board.
- Section 2: The terms of office for officers shall be one calendar year and shall commence on January 1st. The terms of office for board of director members shall be staggered and shall be for two calendar years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office for regionally elected members of the legislative policy committee shall be two calendar years. No officer except the secretary-treasurer shall serve two consecutive terms in the same office unless the director completed a term for another officer who was unable to complete a term and is then voted into the same position the following year. The secretary-treasurer may serve up to two consecutive one-year terms.
- Section 3: Eligibility for office termination. No person shall be eligible for election to serve as an officer or a board of director member or a member of the legislative policy committee who is not an active member of an Oregon public school board which is a dues paying member of this association except as provided in Article 10, Section 4(a).
- Section 4: Vacancies on the board of directors
- (a) In the event that any officer or member or the board of directors, other than the immediate past president, ceases during his/her term of office as such to be a member of an Oregon public school board belonging to this association, such member shall continue to serve until the following January 1st, at which time such service as an officer or board of director member shall terminate. At that meeting, a successor will be seated to fill the unexpired term. The immediate past president may serve regardless of whether he/she continues service on a school district board.
 - (b) In the event that an officer or director resigns from his/her office, the remaining officers and directors shall appoint an interim officer or director to fill the unexpired term of office until the next scheduled board member election.
- Section 5: Nomination and election of the OSBA board of directors. Each regional candidate for a director position shall be nominated by a member board of that region by means of a nomination form.
- (a) Notice of position vacancies, candidate information packets, and official nomination forms shall be distributed to all incumbent directors and boards in eligible regions.
 - (b) To nominate one or more of its members in its region the school board must send

OSBA a formal resolution or motion of the board and timely submission of the nomination form(s) to the office of the OSBA. Nominations in regions where there is more than one representative position shall indicate the numbered position for which the nomination is being submitted. Nominations will be closed by a date identified in the elections calendar adopted by the board.

- (c) Each regional director shall be elected by the member boards of that region. Such ballot shall be distributed to the member boards and shall be returned to the OSBA offices by dates identified in the elections calendar adopted by the board.
- (d) Each member board in the appropriate region shall have one vote in the regional elections for members of the board of directors. If a member district, Education Service District or Community College's boundaries span more than one OSBA region, that member board must declare in which region it intends to vote and vote only in that region. The person receiving a majority of the votes cast for a position on the board of directors shall be elected. In cases where there are more than two candidates nominated for any position, and none receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
- (e) Newly elected regional directors of the OSBA board shall take office on January 1.

Section 6: Nomination and election of regional members of the legislative policy committee (LPC). In odd-numbered years, each regional candidate for an LPC position shall be nominated by a member board of that region by means of a nomination form.

- (a) The nomination form shall be distributed to all incumbent directors and boards in eligible regions.
- (b) A school board may nominate one or more of its members to the LPC and shall do so by formal resolution of the board and timely submission of the nomination form(s) to the office of the OSBA. Nominations in regions where there is more than one representative position shall indicate the numbered position for which the nomination is being submitted. Nominations will be closed by a date identified in the elections calendar adopted by the board.
- (c) Each regional member of the LPC shall be elected by the member boards of that region. Such ballots shall be distributed to the member boards and shall be returned to the OSBA offices by dates identified in the elections calendar adopted by the board.
- (d) Each member board in the appropriate region shall have one vote in the regional elections for members of the LPC. If a member district, Education Service District or Community College's boundaries span more than one OSBA region, that member board must declare in which region it intends to vote and vote only in that region. The person receiving a majority of the votes cast for any position on the LPC shall be elected. In cases where there are more than two candidates nominated for any position, and none receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest

number of votes. The one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

- (e) Newly elected regional members of the LPC shall take office on January 1.
- (f) In the event that a regional member of the LPC resigns from his/her office, the OSBA board of directors shall appoint an interim member to fill the unexpired term of office until the next regional election at which time an election for a successor member shall be conducted.

Proposed New Language

Section 7: Unfilled Regional Representation on the Board of Directors or LPC.

- (a) *If no one files for election from a region for either the Board of Directors or LPC, the Board of Directors shall recruit an individual from the region where the unfilled regional seat is located to serve in the position.*
- (b) *If the Board of Directors cannot recruit an individual from the region to serve on the Board of Directors or LPC, the Board of Directors may appoint a member from a contiguous region to serve in the unfilled seat of the Board or the LPC.*
- (c) *An individual appointed to the Board from a contiguous region would not be eligible to serve as an officer of the Board.*
- (d) *An individual appointed to either the Board of Directors or the LPC would serve until the next regularly scheduled election for that seat.*

~~Section 7~~ **Section 8:** Election of officers of the OSBA.

- (a) Election of officers shall be made by the currently seated board of directors from their own membership at least 10 days prior to the November membership meeting. The nominations for the slate of officers may include more than one candidate for any officer position except for the president and past president.
- (b) The person receiving a majority of the votes cast for an officer position shall be elected. In cases where there are more than two candidates nominated for any position, and none receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.