

DRAFT UPDATE

Oak Park School District 97

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Board of Education

School District Elections

School District elections are non-partisan, governed by the general election laws of the State, and include the election of Board of Education members, various public policy propositions, and advisory questions. Board members are elected at the consolidated election held on the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years. If, however, that date conflicts with the celebration of Passover, the consolidated election is postponed to the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover. The canvass of votes is conducted by the election authority within 21 days after the election.

~~The Board's election duties are:~~

~~1. The Board, by proper resolution, may place cause to be placed on the ballot: (a) public policy referendum according to Article 28 of the Election Code, or (b) advisory questions of public policy according to Section 9-1.5 of the School Code.~~

~~2. The Board President, Secretary, and the member with the longest continuous service compose the Education Officers Electoral Board to hear and rule on objections to candidate nominating petitions and public questions. However, if any member of the Electoral Board is a candidate for the office for which the objection petition is filed, he or she is replaced on the Electoral Board by the School Board member with the second longest continuous service.~~

~~3. The Board Secretary or clerk serves as the local election official, assisted by designated representatives appointed by the Board. The Board Secretary serves as the local election official. He or she receives petitions for the submission of a public question to referenda and forwards them to the proper election officer and otherwise provides information to the community concerning District elections.~~

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/1-3, 5/2A, 5/10-9, 5/22-17, 5/22-18, and 5/28.
105 ILCS 5/9 and 5/9-1.5.

CROSS REF.: 2:40 (Board Member Qualifications), 2:50 (Board Member Term of Office),
2:210 (Organizational Board of Education Meeting)

ADOPTED: March 19, 2013

Comment [AP1]: Policy is updated to comply with new legislation that provides that nominating petitions are now filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners as applicable. Objections to nominating petitions or to petitions for a public question are now submitted to the county officers electoral board. Simultaneous filing of nominating petitions and withdrawal from nomination are now submitted to the county clerk or county board of election commissioners.

The board secretary or clerk is still the *local election official* (105 ILCS 5/9-2 and 10 ILCS 5/1-3). 10 ILCS 5/28-6 provides that any petition for the submission of a public question to referenda must be filed with the *local election official*, i.e., the board secretary or clerk.

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Comment [AP2]: OPTION: If the district is not going to require the board secretary to provide this service, delete the phrase "and otherwise provides information to the community concerning District elections."

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