

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION INFORMATION

April 2, 2019, Election

I. Qualifications of Candidates

- A. Must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the election.
- B. Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Illinois and of the school district on whose board candidate is seeking membership for at least 1 year immediately preceding the election, and not serving in the capacity of school trustee or school treasurer.
- C. Must be a registered voter.

Certain offices cannot be held simultaneously when the duties of either office create a conflict of interest. A School Board member cannot be a school trustee. Federal law also prohibits postal employees from running in partisan elections. A school board member cannot be employed by the district (employment contracts worth more than \$1,000) or have any interest directly or indirectly in any contract, work, or business of the school district or in the sale of any article to the school district.

Lastly, a school board member cannot be a child sex offender (as described in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code), or convicted of an "infamous" crime.

II. Filing Nominating Documents

- A. Petitions containing valid signatures of at least 50 signers, a statement of candidacy, and a statement of economic interest receipt must be filed with the election agent of the district on which membership is sought no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of filing (December 17, 2018). Petitions may be filed in person, by mail, or by someone designated by the candidate to act as agent.
- B. All petitions must be signed by the circulator in the presence of a notary. A candidate must file a petition(s) containing at least 50 valid signatures. It is recommended that more than 50 signers be obtained in the event some signatures are ruled invalid. All petitions must be securely bound together and pages numbered consecutively.
- C. The statement of candidacy must be filed with the petition(s) and must be signed by the candidate in the presence of a notary.

III. Composition of District 101 Board of Education

- A. Morris Community High School will have 3 seats to be filled of the 7 member board.
- B. Statutes require that at least 2 members of the Board of Education of Morris Community High School reside in the unincorporated territory of the District.
- C. Currently 1 of the continuing 4 seated members reside in the unincorporated territory of the District.

IV. Filing Dates and Location

- A. First day for filing petitions: December 10, 2018
- B. Last day for filing petitions: December 17, 2018
- C. Time for filing petitions: during business hours
Business Hours: December 10 through December 14: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
December 17, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- D. Filing Location : Grundy County Clerk and Records Office
Grundy County Court House
111 E. Washington St. Room 12
Morris, IL. 60450-1297

V. Availability of Petitions

Petitions may be obtained from the Grundy County Clerk's Office on or after September 18, 2018, or online at www.grundyco.org/county-clerkrecorder/clerk-home/elections-department/election-information/ - then select School Board Petition Packet.

Petitions and forms are also available from the State Board of Elections – www.elections.state.il.us

VI. Term Schedule

The term of office for all four seats to be filled at the April 2, 2019 election, will be for 4 years expiring in April, 2023.