

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

P2120.2

Registration for voting shall be by personal registration and the Board shall set aside certain days on which qualified residents may register in accordance with the law.

A qualified resident is defined as:

1. a citizen of the United States,
2. eighteen or more years of age, and
3. a resident of the district for a period of thirty days or more next preceding the meeting at which he offers to vote.

In addition to any other requirements of the law, qualified residents must personally register to be eligible to vote at any regular or special school district election. Registration shall be conducted as prescribed under Section 2014 of the Education Law.

1. Any eligible resident who shall register and vote at any annual or special election after June 21, 1967, shall be qualified to vote at any annual or special election up to and including the second subsequent annual meeting and election.
2. Any eligible resident who shall register but not vote shall be eligible to vote until the Annual School Election occurring four years after the Annual Election at which the registrant was first eligible to vote. If the registrant votes during this interval, qualification for voting is as listed in paragraph above (1).
3. Any eligible resident who is registered with a county board of elections to vote in a general election shall be eligible to vote at any annual or special election.

VOTING

The high school building shall be designated as the polling place for all voting in the school district.

All balloting on the budget, for the election of school board members and other propositions as proposed in the notice of the annual meeting, shall be with voting machines. The Superintendent of Schools shall use appropriate means to assure that voting machines are available when needed. The Board of Education shall designate, prior to the meeting, sufficient inspectors, tellers, and assistant clerks for the balloting.

A drawing among the candidates for Board election will be conducted by the Clerk of the Board to determine the order in which the names of the candidates will appear on the voting machine ballot.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Absentee ballots will be provided to qualified district voters in accordance with Section 2018(a) of the Education Law. Absentee ballots may be cast for the election of school board members, the adoption of the annual budget, and the adoption of referenda when the qualified voter will be unable to appear to vote for one of the following reasons:

1. he/she is a patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally because of illness or physical disability, or
2. his/her duties, occupation, or business will require him/her to be outside the county of his/her residence on election day, or
3. he/she will be on vacation outside the county on election day, or

4. he/she will be absent from his/her voting residence while awaiting grand jury action or trial or confined to prison after a conviction of an offense other than a felony.

Persons seeking to take advantage of the absentee ballot provision must complete an application form which must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Education at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter by first class mail, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, is authorized to make available to the Board of Registration the necessary application form.

An applicant whose ability to appear personally at the polling place of the school district of which he/she is a qualified voter is substantially impaired by reason of permanent illness or physical disability and whose registration record has been marked "permanently disabled" by the board of elections pursuant to the provisions of the election law shall be entitled to receive an absentee ballot pursuant to the provisions of Section 2018(a) of the Education Law without making separate application for such absentee ballot, and the board of registration upon being advised by the board of elections on or with the list of registered voters that the registration record of a voter is marked "permanently disabled" shall send an absentee ballot to such voter at his/her last known address with a request to the postal authorities not to forward same but to return same in five days in the event that it cannot be delivered to the addressee.

The Board of Registration must check and examine all applications and determine whether an absentee ballot shall be issued. The Board of Registration must prepare a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots may be issued and file that list with the Clerk of the Board who shall make it available for public inspection and challenge of a voter's qualifications.

The Board of Education shall determine whether such ballot shall be sent by first class or by certified mail. All such ballots shall be mailed in the same manner as determined by the Board of Education. The Board of Registration shall make an appropriate entry on the registration indicating the fact that an absentee ballot has been sent and the date of mailing. Challenges are to be submitted to the Clerk of the Board in writing and transmitted by him/her to the inspectors of election on election day. Such list shall also be posted in a conspicuous place or places during the election and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the inspectors of election before the polls close.

Absentee ballots are to be counted only if they are received by the Clerk of the Board no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the election.

The Clerk of the school district shall, on the day of the election transmit all absentee voters' envelopes received by him/her in accordance with designated district procedures, to the inspectors of election. Election inspectors shall follow all defined procedures as set forth in Section 2018(a) of the Education Law, particularly paragraphs 10, 11, and 12 of such section. The Superintendent of Schools shall coordinate with the election inspectors the applicable rules and procedures as required by law and shall account for such absentee voting in all final tabulations for school district elections.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS WHEREAS, Section 2018(a) of the Education Law authorizes the Board of Education to provide for absentee ballots for the adoption of the annual budget and for the election of members of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the statute allows the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of absentee ballots by qualified registered voters who are unable to be present at the school election because they are:

1. A patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such election day because of illness or physical disability, or
2. Outside of the county of their residence on such election day because of their duties, occupation or business, or
3. On vacation outside the county of their residence on such election day, or
4. Absent from their voting residence because they are detained in jail awaiting grand jury action, or awaiting trial, or are confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to permit voting on school budgets, referenda and for board members by absentee ballots in accordance with Section 2018(a) of the Education Law, it is

HEREBY RESOLVED, that absentee ballots for the adoption of the annual budget referenda and the election of school board members be provided to qualified district voters in accordance with Section 2018(a) of the Education Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to adopt and provide to the Board of Registration the forms necessary for absentee ballots.

This resolution shall take effect at the first such election held more than sixty (60) days after its adoption and shall continue in effect for all such elections until a subsequent resolution holding otherwise shall, in like manner, have taken effect.