

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

NOMINATING PETITION FOR SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

A. AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, circulator of this nominating petition, being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on oath, deposes and says: The present petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting the signers are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election for which the candidate(s) is/are nominated, and that the petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate(s) and placing the candidate(s)'s name on the official ballot in order to secure election as member(s) of the Board of Education. The circulator further affirms that he/she is eligible to vote in the state of New Jersey, and meets the age, citizenship, and residency requirements as required by New Jersey law.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

CIRCULATOR'S SIGNATURE

NOTARY SIGNATURE

B. NOTICE

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission,

(609) 292-8700.

C. CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I, _____, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the foregoing petition, do hereby certify that I am qualified to be a member of the _____ Board of Education; that I consent to stand as a candidate for election and, if elected, agree to accept and qualify into that office. I further affirm and declare I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to R.S. 19:4-1 **nor have I been convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to N.J.S.18A:12-1.**

I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So, help me God*.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN NAME OF CANDIDATE

NOTARY SIGNATURE

* No individual is required to swear that part on an oath which states, "So help me God" and may state, "I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm."

Each candidate must file a separate ACCEPTANCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States of America.
- At least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office.
- Able to read and write.
- A resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election.
- Not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.
- A registered voter in the district
- Not disqualified from membership for the conviction of crimes pursuant to N.J.S. 18A:12-1**

No board of education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with or claim against the board.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ø ** Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a **criminal history background investigation** through the New Jersey Department of Education.

Ø The School Ethics Act and nepotism legislation impact the ability of the Board members who have relatives working in the school district to act in areas such as personnel and collective negotiations. Please consult your board secretary for details.

Ø Two or more candidates for any given term of office may notify the county clerk, at least seven days before the drawing date that they wish to have their names with the chosen designation, if any, bracketed together, so that their names and designation, if any, are selected as a group at the drawing and their names and designation are printed together on the ballot. The candidates determine among themselves the order in which their names are to appear within the bracket prior to notifying the County Clerk.

Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the County Clerk on or before **4:00 p.m. on the last Monday in July. NJSA 19:60-7**

The County Clerk office is located at:

75 Bayard St.

New Brunswick, NJ 08901, 4th Floor

and the hours during which the office is open to receive petitions are:

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm

Received by: _____

COUNTY CLERK / DESIGNEE