BOARD ELECTIONS

Registered voters of the District elect directors to the Board of Education on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd numbered years.

Nomination petitions filed by Board of Education candidates for the office of school district director will be verified against the most current voter registration lists for residents of the Aurora Public Schools in Adams and Arapahoe Counties, with respect to the legality of voter signatures and places of residence.

In addition to the required 50 registered District elector signatures, it is suggested that Board of Education candidates collect a minimum of 15-20 additional signatures. This will allow for the possibility of a number of signature disqualifications due to the fact that some persons signing petitions may be unaware that they are not legally registered to vote in the school board election.

State statutes provide that written notice of an individual's intent to be a candidate for the office of school district director, as well as the nomination petition and notarized acceptance of nomination, must be filed at least 67 days before the election. However, it is suggested that the nomination petition be submitted at least one week in advance of that filing deadline in order to provide ample opportunity for a candidate to seek additional signatures, if necessary, in order to meet the filing requirement.

A registered elector of the school district who has filed the necessary papers to become a candidate in a biennial school district election may withdraw as a candidate by filing a notarized letter of withdrawal with the school district’s designated election official at any time before the school election date.

When a candidate in a biennial school district election withdraws before the printing of ballots, the candidate's name shall be omitted from the official ballot.

Votes received in a biennial school district election by a withdrawn candidate whose name appears on the official ballot shall not be counted by the election judges nor included in the Board of Education's canvass of votes.

LEGAL REFS.:  
C.R.S. 1-2-101 et seq.  
C.R.S. 1-2-201 et seq.  
C.R.S. 1-4-1001  
C.R.S. 1-45-101 et seq. (Campaign Reform Act of 1974)  
C.R.S. 22-31-101 et seq.