

Important Dates to Keep in Mind

May 4, 2021 – Annual Budget Hearing

May 18, 2021 – Public Vote on Budget and School Board Elections

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To submit a question about the budget, email zwoodard@wpcsd.org

School Board Elections / Budget Vote

The Board of Education, a branch of state government, is elected locally by the citizens of the Whitney Point Central School District. Every school district has its own school board. The Board's primary responsibilities are: to set local policy, to levy property taxes to help meet the district budget, and to hire a Superintendent to run the schools in the district. Board members are elected to three (3) year terms.

Elections: School Board elections are held the **third Tuesday in May of each year**. One or more of the seven (7) board members stand for election in any given year.

Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs on the Board between elections, the Board may choose to call for a special election or appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the next annual election.

Running for the Board: Any resident (who does not hold a city office) is eligible to run for election to the Board of Education (Policy #1210). Contact the District Clerk at 607-692-8313 if you are interested. To qualify, you:

1. Must be able to read and write.
2. Must be a qualified voter in the district that is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent.
3. Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one (1) year immediately before the election.
4. Must not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office: district superintendent, supervisor, clerk, tax collector, treasurer or librarian.
5. May not hold any city office other than that of a police officer or fire fighter.
6. May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
7. May not be a current employee of the school board.
8. May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
9. May not be a convicted felon whose maximum prison sentence has not expired or who has not been pardoned or discharged from parole.

Voter qualifications: To vote in the school elections, you must be:

1. A United States citizen;
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of election;
3. A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee Ballots are available, **upon proper application**, to any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person on the day of the election due to

illness / physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration or travel outside of the county / city of residence. Applications **must** be received by the District Clerk at least **7 days before** the election.

You may obtain an application from the District Clerk, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. by:

- * Phone 607-692-8313
- * Email sforkey@wpcsd.org
- * In person at the District Office, High School Bldg., 10 Keibel Rd., Whitney Point, NY