

SELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

It is the policy of the Bixby Board of Education that as mandated by Oklahoma Statute, Title 26, Section 13A-103:

1. The general election of members of the board of education of every school district and technology center school district shall be conducted on the first Tuesday of April of each year.
2. The primary election of members of the board of education of every school district and technology center school district, if necessary, shall be conducted on the second Tuesday in February of each year, except in any year when a Presidential Preferential Primary is held in February, then the election shall be held on the same day as the Presidential Preferential Primary.
3. If only two candidates qualify to have their names appear on the ballot, the names of both candidates shall appear on the ballot at the board of education general election.
4. If more than two candidates qualify to have their names appear on the ballot, the names of all such candidates shall appear on the ballot at the board of education primary election. A candidate receiving more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast in the board of education primary election shall be elected to the office. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast in the board of education primary election, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot at the board of education general election.

Board members shall be elected to serve a term of five years or until such time as their successors are duly appointed or elected and have qualified as prescribed by law. Terms of office shall be staggered so that one member shall retire from the Board each year. Any vacancy occurring other than by retirement shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Education. Persons appointed to fill such vacancies in the first half of the term of office will serve only until the next succeeding election. Then the office will be placed on the ballot to elect a member to serve the balance of the unexpired term. Persons appointed to fill such vacancies after the first half of the term of office will serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

In order to ensure equal representation, the district is divided into five equal wards which are as equal as practical with not more than 10% variance between the most populous and least populous districts. Although the membership is chosen from each ward, the election is conducted on a district-wide basis.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-107A
26 O.S. §13A-105, §13A-110

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