

BOCES BOARD ELECTIONS

- I. Each year an end-of-term election shall be held to elect or re-elect Board members. Not later than the 1 day of February of each year the BOCES president shall designate a date between April 16 and April 30 for an election
- II. If a vacancy occurs the BOCES Board may appoint someone to fill the position until the next annual election, provided that notification is provided to all component boards of the vacancy and that the component boards are given ten (10) days to provide any comments or objections to the filling of the vacancy by appointment.
- III. For each vacancy on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services every component Board of Education may, by resolution, nominate one or more individuals to fill the vacancy. Nominations will not be accepted from a district that already has a member on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services who is a resident of that district unless the member's office is to expire at the end of the current year or unless all non-represented districts decline to make a nomination. Nominations must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election. The Clerk of the Board shall send each component district a ballot no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the election.
- IV. Each component Board of Education may make one vote per vacancy, provided no more than one vote may be cast for any individual candidate. The candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast are elected, with the candidate receiving the highest vote total elected to the position with the longest term and the candidate with the second highest vote total elected to the position with the next longest term, and so on. However, no more than one person residing in a particular component district may be elected unless all non-represented districts decline to make a nomination. In the event the candidate receiving the highest number of votes, the second highest number and so forth are residents of the same component district the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected and the other candidate(s) are disqualified.
- V. If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, then the President of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services must call a run-off election within twenty (20) days of the initial votes. Those candidates who received an equal number of votes are automatically nominated. If the run-off election results in a tie vote, the winning candidate is then determined by drawing lots.

Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services

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