Each year the School Board shall conduct an organizational School Board meeting for the purpose of electing School Board Officers, fixing a time and date for regular meetings and, in consolidated election years, seating the newly-elected School Board members.

Time of Meeting:

In even-numbered years, when there is no consolidated election, the special organizational meeting shall be held during the regular Board meeting in April.

At or before the regular meeting in March in consolidated election years, the School Board shall establish a date for its organizational meeting to be held sometime after the election authority canvasses the vote, but within 28 days after the consolidated election.

Notification of Candidates-Elect:

In consolidated election years, the School Board secretary will advise the candidates-elect of the purpose, time, and date for this organizational meeting, request their attendance, and identify whether any candidate-elect would like to run for a School Board office.

Purpose of Meeting:

At the organizational meeting:

- 1. In election years, new School Board members shall be sworn in and seated.
- 2. In all years, the Board shall elect its officers who immediately assume office upon their election.
- 3. In all years, the Board shall fix a time and date for its regular meetings.

Procedure for Contested School Board Officer Elections:

If there is more than one Board member running for the same officer post, then the following shall occur prior to the election of officers at the organizational meeting:

- 1. Each Officer candidate will have the opportunity to address his/her fellow Board members.
- 2. A Question and Answer session will follow the Officer candidates' presentations.
- 3. The Officer candidates will depart the meeting but remain in the building and available. The Board members will remain at the meeting for further discussion.
- 4. Should the Board members have additional questions for the Officer candidates, an additional Question and Answer session will follow.
- 5. Upon conclusion of this discussion, the Officer elections will be held immediately.

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