

## Chinook School District

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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#### Election

Elections conducted by the District are nonpartisan and are governed by general election laws of the state of Montana. The ballot at such elections may include candidates for trustee positions, various public policy propositions, and advisor questions.

Board elections shall take place on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Monday in May of each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to become a trustee. Any (5 – second-class and third-class or H.S.; 20 – first-class) qualified electors may nominate as many trustee candidates as there are trustee positions subject to election at the ensuing election. The name of each person nominated for candidacy shall be submitted to the District Clerk not less than forty (40) days before the regular school election day. If different terms are to be filled, the term for which each candidate is nominated also shall be indicated. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate in a mail ballot election or for a trustee position in a school board election shall file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup> day before the election. If there are no contested seats, and there is no other reason for the election, the trustees may declare an election by acclamation and give notice no later than twenty-five (25) days before the election that an election will not take place. If no election takes place, the trustees shall declare the candidates elected by acclamation and issue a “certificate of election” to each candidate.

Except in the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the election, a proposition requesting additional funding pursuant to § 20-9-353, MCA, may be submitted to electors only once each calendar year, on the regular school election day.

**In years when the Legislature meets in regular session or in a special session that affects school funding, the trustees may order THE election on a date other than the regular school election day in order for the electors to consider a proposition requesting additional funding under § 20-9-353, MCA.**

Legal Reference:	§ 13-10-211, MCA	Declaration of intent for write-in candidates
	§ 20-3-304, MCA	Annual election
	§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification and nomination
	§ 20-3-313, MCA	Election by acclamation – notice
	§ 20-3-322, MCA	Meetings and quorum
	§ 20-3-324(4), MCA	Powers and duties
	§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class elementary district
	§ 20-9-353, MCA	Additional financing for general fund – election for authorization to impose

§ 20-20-105, MCA	Regular school election day and special school elections
§ 20-20-204, MCA	Election Notice
§ 20-20-301, MCA	Qualifications of elector

Policy History:

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