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Policy #1220 – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The component boards of education shall be notified by February 1st of each year of vacancies on the Board to be filled at the Annual Election.

Nominations will occur by resolution of one or more component school districts boards of education and shall be transmitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date designated by the President of the Board for the election.

Election of the Board members will occur on a date selected by the President of the Board that is on or after April sixteenth and on or before April thirtieth. No component district may have more than one member on the Board. It shall be the duty of the BOCES to encourage candidates from components not currently represented on the Board. The ballot will be prepared by the Clerk of the Board and mailed to each component district no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date designated as the day of the election by the President of the Board.

Each component district is entitled to cast one vote for each vacant Board position. A component board may not cast more than one vote for any individual candidate.

The candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast are elected. Any tie vote will be broken by a runoff to be held within twenty (20) days of the initial vote.

Prior to each school year the Board will designate no less than one high school aged student annually as an ex officio member to serve on the board. The high school student(s) will serve a one-year term for the school year ending on June 30. The high school student(s) must have been enrolled in the high school for at least one (1) year to be eligible to be an ex officio student member. The ex officio student member will be excluded from meetings closed to the public (i.e. including but not limited to executive sessions). The ex officio student member may not vote on any matter before the Board, is not privy to confidential information, and will not receive a board packet. The ex officio student member is held to the same conduct as board members and may be removed if the member displays willful violations, neglect of duty, disobeys a state order, or engages in behavior compromising the reputation of BOCES.

The ex officio student member will be chosen by the home school district Superintendent from a list of suggested student names provided by the high school principal. The home school district will submit one student name to BOCES. The student member will then be chosen by using a random lottery system. The school district of the current ex officio student member will be excluded from the lottery.

The ex officio student member is not an elected board member or an employee of the BOCES. As a result, the indemnification laws do not apply, however, the Board will seek to have the student's name removed from any litigation initiated against the Board as a whole.

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Policy References:
Board members are elected for terms as indicated in Policy #1110 -- Organization and Authority.

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