

Nominating petitions forms for the April 4, 2017 school board election in Fisher Community Unit School District No. 1 are now available. Forms may be picked up in the office of the board secretary at 801 S. Fifth Street, Fisher 61843 on any business day between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

A school board candidate's petition must be filed at the Champaign County Clerk's Office not earlier than 8:00 a.m., on Monday, December 12 and no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 29.

Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the secretary's office.

Three seats on the seven-member board of education will be filled at the April 4 election. Three candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2021.

Not more than 3 may be elected from Township 22-N Range 7E (Brown)

Not more than 2 may be elected from Township 22-N Range 8E (East Bend)

Not more than 2 may be elected from Township 21-N Range 8E (Condit)

Not more than 1 may be elected from Township 21-N Range 7E (Newcomb)

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in state law.

Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:

- 1) Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.
- 2) State of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Government Ethics Act.
- 3) A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the statement of economic interests as noted above.
- 4) A loyalty oath, which is optional. A candidate may choose to file it or not.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for a free booklet, "Your School Board

and You.” Write: IASB, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703. The booklet also is available at the Association’s web site:

www.iasb.com/training/community_resources.cfm