

# Gallatin Gateway 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 must file a declaration of intent on the 26<sup>th</sup> day before the election. If the number of candidates filing for vacant positions or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustees may give notice no later than twenty-five (25) days before the election that a trustee election will not take place. If a trustee election is not held, the trustees shall declare the candidates elected by acclamation and shall 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.

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

### Policy History:

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