

## RUNNING FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN SCHOOL BOARD

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. This is an elected unpaid position.
2. The term runs for four (4) years.
3. Time involved: The Board meets twice a month in the evening. Each Board member may be assigned to a Committee, which involves additional meeting(s). There is quite a bit of reading material prior to the meetings.

### WHAT CANDIDATES MUST DO

1. To become a school board candidate, if you are a registered Democrat or Republican, you must **file a nomination petition** signed by at least 10 qualified voters of the school district for the political party with which the petition will be filed. It is recommended, however, to obtain 15 signatures in case there is a problem with any of the 10. South Eastern candidates generally cross-file. To cross-file in a primary election (that is, to run on both political parties), a registered Democrat or Republican must circulate a proper petition for the other party. If elected on both party ballots in the primaries, a candidate will appear on both party ballots in the general election.
2. Candidates may circulate petitions for three weeks, beginning February 17, 2009 and ending on March 10, 2009.
3. If you are a registered Independent, nomination papers can be circulated and filed from March 11, 2009 through August 3, 2009. You will not be on the May ballot. Due to the law regulating Independent candidates, in Region I, 15 signatures are required (23 recommended); in Region II and III, 10 signatures are required (15 recommended.)
4. Each candidate for the office of school director must file a statement of financial interest for the preceding calendar year with the local school district. A copy of the statement must be attached to the nomination petition and filed with the county board of elections and with the school board secretary. The district must maintain the statements for public inspection for at least five years.
5. The Campaign Expense Reporting Law, Act 171 of 1978, also requires candidates to file expense reports. The reports must be filed by the second Friday before the primary election with the county board of elections. The law was amended to permit local candidates who are not aided by committees and who do not intend to receive or expend more than \$250 in a reporting period to file an affidavit with their nomination petitions excusing them from filing pre-election and post-election reports. More than likely, this affidavit would apply to our school board candidates. The affidavit is on the reverse side of the petition.
6. Nomination petitions, financial interest statements, campaign finance reports and other information, such as the instructions/explanation of the required documents, can be secured from the:

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28 E. Market St.  
York, PA  
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