

1 **CJI Public Schools**

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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Elections

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7 Elections conducted by the District are nonpartisan and are governed by applicable election laws
8 as found in Titles 13 & 20 of the Montana Code Annotated. The ballot at such elections may
9 include candidates for trustee positions, various public policy propositions, and advisor
10 questions.

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12 Board elections shall take place on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in May of
13 each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to become a
14 trustee. Any five (5) qualified electors may nominate as many trustee candidates as there are
15 trustee positions subject to election at the ensuing election. The name of each person nominated
16 for candidacy shall be submitted to the District Clerk not less than forty (40) days before the
17 regular school election day. If different terms are to be filled, the term for which each candidate
18 is nominated also shall be indicated. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate in a
19 mail ballot election or for a trustee position in a school board election shall file a declaration of
20 intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-sixth (26th) day before the election. If the number of
21 candidates filing for vacant positions or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is
22 equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustees may give notice no later
23 than twenty-five (25) days before the election that a trustee election will not take place. If a
24 trustee election is not held, the trustees shall declare the candidates elected by acclamation and
25 shall issue a "certificate of election" to each candidate.

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27 A candidate intending to withdraw from the election shall send a statement of withdrawal to the
28 clerk of the district containing all information necessary to identify the candidate and the office
29 for which the candidate was nominated. The statement of withdrawal must be acknowledged by
30 the clerk of the district. A candidate may not withdraw less than thirty-eight (38) days before the
31 school election.

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33 In the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the funding
34 election, the district will be allowed to reschedule the election for a different day of the calendar
35 year.

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37 In years when the Legislature meets in regular session or in a special session that affects school
38 funding, the trustees may order the election on a date other than the regular school election day
39 in order for the electors to consider a proposition requesting additional funding under § 20-9-
40 353, MCA.

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4	Legal Reference:	§ 13-10-211, MCA Declaration of intent for write-in candidates
5		§ 20-3-304, MCA Annual election
6		§ 20-3-305, MCA Candidate qualification, nomination and withdrawal
7		§ 20-3-313, MCA Election by acclamation – notice
8		§ 20-3-322, MCA Meetings and quorum
9		§ 20-3-322(5), MCA Meetings and quorum (unforeseen emergency
10		definition)
11		§ 20-3-324(4), MCA Powers and duties
12		§ 20-3-344, MCA Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class
13		elementary district
14		§ 20-9-353, MCA Additional financing for general fund – election for
15		authorization to impose
16		§ 20-20-105, MCA Regular school election day and special school
17		elections – limitation – exception
18		§ 20-20-204, MCA Election Notice
19		§ 20-20-301, MCA Qualifications of elector
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21 Policy History:

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