

Section 2-8. Board of Education. Effective at the biennial meeting of electors of the town as defined in Section 2-2 of this chapter and on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of November 2025 there shall be a Board of Education consisting of nine (9) members elected, at large, as set forth in the transition provisions, below. Commencing on and after the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of November 2027 all members of the Board of Education shall hold their offices for a term of four (4) years. The method of nomination, voting and election to office shall be as provided in §9-204b of the General Statutes, as amended.

(a) **Transition Provisions Pertaining to Termination of petition-only Board of Education.** At the biennial meeting of electors of the town as defined in Section 2-2 of this chapter and on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of:

- (i) November 2022, three (3) members shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) years ending on November __, 2025;
- (ii) November 2023, three (3) members shall be elected to serve a term of two (2) years ending on November __, 2025; and,
- (iii) November 2024, three (3) member shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year ending on November __, 2025.

No party designation shall appear in connection with the names of candidates for said Board. Nominations therefor shall be made by a petition signed by one (1%) percent of the registered electors. Such petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk in accordance with Section 9-461 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town Clerk shall certify on such petition the number of signers whose names appear on the last-completed voting list, and if such petition fills the requirements hereof he shall certify the name of the candidate so nominated.

The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If any vacancy occurs in said Board it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board until the next annual election, unless the number of remaining members falls below seven (7), in which case a special election shall be called to fill such vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term. Any vacancy to be so filled at the next regular annual election shall be filled by the candidate receiving the fourth (4th) highest number of votes, and, if an additional vacancy is to be filled, the candidate receiving the fifth (5th) highest number of votes shall be declared elected thereto. If the unexpired terms to be so filled are of unequal duration, the candidate receiving the fourth (4th) highest votes shall fill the longer term.

This provision shall lapse following the election of November __, 2025.

(b) **Transition Provision Pertaining to Establishment of Board of Education nominated and elected in accord with §9-204b of the General Statutes, as amended.** At the biennial meeting of electors of the town as defined in Section 2-2 of this chapter and on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of **November 2025** nine (9) members shall be elected, five (5) of whom shall serve a term of four (4) years; and, four (4) of whom shall serve a term of two (2) years.

In the initial election where nine (9) candidates shall be elected to the Board of Education, the Electors shall vote for up to nine (9) candidates for the Board of

Education. Each major or minor party, as defined by the General Statutes and petitioning candidates (if permitted by the General Statutes) may nominate up to six (6) candidates. Those six (6) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and the three (3) candidates not of the same political party as the party receiving the highest number of votes shall also be declared elected.

Following the biennial meeting of electors of the town as defined in Section 2-2 of this chapter and on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday of November 2027, the four (4) members elected shall serve a term of four (4) years.

This provision shall lapse following the election of November __, 2027.

Section 2-8-1. Minority Representation for the Board of Education.

- (a) As pertains to the Five Candidate Election Cycle.** In an election where five (5) candidates shall be elected to the Board of Education, the Electors shall vote for up to five (5) candidates for the Board of Education. Each major or minor party, as defined by the General Statutes and petitioning candidates (if permitted by the General Statutes) may nominate up to three (3) candidates. Those three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and the two (2) candidates not of the same political party as the party receiving the highest number of votes shall also be declared elected.
- (b) As pertains to §2.3.B(2)(b):** In an election where four (4) candidates shall be elected to the Board of Education, the Electors shall vote for up to four (4) candidates for the Board of Education. Each major or minor party, as defined by the General Statutes and petitioning candidates (if permitted by the General Statutes) may nominate up to three (3) candidates. Those three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and the one (1) candidate not of the same political party as the party receiving the highest number of votes shall also be declared elected