

## **Saginaw Intermediate School District 2021 Board Election**

The Saginaw County Clerk's office is currently accepting filings for three Intermediate School District (ISD) positions that will be filled at the June ISD meeting. The meeting must be conducted by the ISD on the first Monday in June in every odd-numbered year, which this year is June 7.

Open positions in 2021 include two – six year terms expiring June 30, 2027 and one – two year partial term expiring June 30, 2023.

Candidates must file petition signatures or a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee and an Affidavit of Identity with the county clerk no later than Monday, May 10, 2021. For candidates filing petitions, according to the most recent federal census you must file a minimum of 40 signatures and a maximum of 100.

Candidates should use the "Intermediate School District Nomination Petition" form. The county clerk's office maintains a supply of the forms and makes them available to interested candidates. The form can also be obtained through commercial suppliers who handle election-related forms. The petition must be circulated on a city/township basis.

Any registered voter who resides within the intermediate school district can sign the candidate's petition. ISD candidates are not required to limit the circulation of their petition to their constituent school district of residence. An elector of the ISD may sign as many petitions as there are positions to fill on the ISD board.

The county clerk serving as the ISD's filing official is responsible for determining the sufficiency of any petitions filed by ISD candidates.

ISD board members are elected to 6-year terms. As noted above in 2021 the Saginaw ISD will have one partial 2-year term. The new terms commence on July 1 following the election.

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 Board Meeting**

The county clerk is responsible for preparing the ballots needed for the conduct of the meeting convened by the ISD to fill its board positions. The clerk will coordinate the creation of a simple paper ballot which lists the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Several sets of the ballots will be prepared for the conduct of the meeting in the event that those participating in the meeting must vote more than once.

The chairperson of the meeting may accept nominations for an available position "from the floor" if no candidates filed for the position. Consequently, in an instance where no candidates file for an available ISD position, the ballot must contain several lines for the hand entry of the candidates who receive nomination at the meeting.

The president and secretary of the ISD are responsible for convening and conducting any meetings held by the ISD to fill its board positions; county clerks are not required to play any role in the conduct of the meetings.

The meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and must be publicly posted as required under the Act. The ISD is responsible for handling the posting requirements.

The electoral body responsible for electing the ISD board seats consists of one representative from each constituent school district in the ISD. During the 3 weeks before the meeting, the board of each constituent school district must designate its meeting representative by resolution. In addition, the resolution must identify the candidate the board supports for each ISD board position to be filled.

The secretary of the ISD must notify the secretary of each constituent school district of the location and time of the meeting at least 10 days before the meeting. The notice must be sent by certified mail.

The president and secretary of the ISD are responsible for supervising the voting process. The votes are canvassed at the meeting. Each constituent district representative entitled to vote at the meeting is required to vote for the candidate supported for each position by the constituent board he or she represents “at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.”