1 Charlo Public School District

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5 <u>Election</u>

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

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Board elections shall take place on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in May of each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to become a trustee. A declaration of intent to be a candidate must be submitted to the District Clerk at least forty (40) days before the regular school election day. If different terms are to be filled, the term for the position for which the candidate is filing must also be indicated. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate for a trustee position shall file a declaration of intent no later than

5:00 p.m. on the day before the ballot certification deadline in 20-20-401. If the number of

19 candidates filing for vacant positions or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is

20 equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the trustees may give notice no later

21 than thirty (30) 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.

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A candidate intending to withdraw from the election shall send a statement of withdrawal to the clerk of the district containing all information necessary to identify the candidate and the office for which the candidate filed. The statement of withdrawal must be acknowledged by the clerk of the district. A candidate may not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. the day before the ballot certification deadline in 20-20-401.

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

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

39	Legal Reference:	§ 13-10-211, MCA	Declaration of intent for write-in candidates
40		§ 20-3-304, MCA	Annual election
41		§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification, nomination and
42		.	withdrawal
43		§ 20-3-313, MCA	Election by acclamation B notice
44		§ 20-3-322, MCA	Meetings and quorum
45		§ 20-3-322(5), MCA	Meetings and quorum (unforeseen
46			emergency definition)
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4		§ 20-3-324(4), MCA	Powers and duties
5		§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of candidates by petition in first-
6		0	class elementary district
7		§ 20-9-353, MCA	Additional funding for general fund-election for
8			authorization to impose
9		§ 20-20-105, MCA	Regular school election day and special school
10		-	elections
11		§ 20-20-301, MCA	Qualifications of elector
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13	Policy History:		
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