

CANDIDATES' FORUM

The Board of Education shall take no role in the election campaign of any candidate for membership on the Board.

However, the Board of Education does believe it has an obligation to provide support for the efforts of concerned citizens in providing a forum for all candidates for such office to discuss their individual backgrounds, experiences, qualifications and beliefs.

Toward that end the Board does endorse the practice of holding a candidates' forum, to be organized by the student support organization of the school designated to host such forum, which shall be held a minimum of two weeks prior to the election. The school organization, with the support of the chief school administrator and building principal, shall elicit the assistance of the League of Women Voters (or their successor organization or equivalent non-partisan organization, if necessary) to moderate such forum.

The forum shall be hosted at each of the school buildings on a rotational basis as follows: Matawan Regional High School (2008); Strathmore Elementary School (2009); Cliffwood Elementary School (2010); Lloyd Road Elementary School (2011); Ravine Drive Elementary School (2012); Cambridge Park School (2013) and Matawan Aberdeen Middle School (2014), and then repeated for additional cycles.

The school district shall provide video and audio recording of the forum and utilize the public access channel for replay of the forum prior to the election. The Board will assume the costs associated with the forum and the replay.

School parent-teacher organizations or other organizations designed to support schools or programs within the schools shall not be permitted to hold meet and greet sessions or any other candidate forum, so as to not give an impression of favoritism toward any candidate.

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Legal References:

C. POLICY COMMITTEE – CHARLES KENNY, CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Mr. Kenny, seconded by Ms. Rubino.

10. Addition of Policy # 9112.1 (New) Candidates Forum

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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