

# 2024 Board of Education Election Timeline

## November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	<b>17</b>	18
19	20	21	22	23	<b>24</b>	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### **Board of Education Election Resolution**

2023 Board of Education Election Resolution due to County Election Board Secretary by the close of business at the County Election Board office on **Nov. 17, 2023**.

Deadline for school district to publish a legal notice is **Nov. 24, 2023**. A copy of the notice must also be filed with the County Election Board.

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	7	<b>8</b>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### **Filing Period**

Opens 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023.

Closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023.

### **Contesting Candidacy**

Must be filed with the County Election Board Secretary who accepted the Declaration of Candidacy by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023.

### **Withdrawal of Candidate**

Must be filed with the County Election Board Secretary who accepted the Declaration of Candidacy by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023.

### **Pre-Election Expense Claim – Board of Education Primary**

District may expect to receive Pre-Election Expense Claim during the week of Dec. 18, 2023.

## January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	<b>22</b>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

District required to submit amount due to the County Election Board by Jan. 22, 2024.

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	<b>13</b>	14	15	<b>16</b>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

### **Board of Education Primary Election in the event 3 or more candidates file**

Board of Education Primary Election – Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

County Election Board certifies results of Board of Education Primary Election after 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024.

If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, the top two candidates will proceed to the Board of Education General Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

The candidate who receives a majority of the vote (50% +1) is elected. The winner will be seated at the first meeting following the certification of the election results.

## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	<b>18</b>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### **Pre-Election Expense Claim – Board of Education General Election**

District may expect to receive Pre-Election Expense Claim during the week of February 18, 2024.

District required to submit amount due to the County Election Board by March 18, 2024.

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	<b>2</b>	3	4	<b>5</b>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### **Board of Education General Election**

Board of Education General Election – Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

County Election Board certifies results of the election after 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024. The winner of a general election and candidates who ran unopposed will be seated/begin the new term at the first meeting following the certification of the election results.

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION RESOLUTION**

TO: Sequoyah County Election Board

FROM: The Gore School District, Independent School  
District No. I-006 of Sequoyah, County, Oklahoma

The Board of Education of the Gore School District has approved the following resolution calling for an election to be submitted to the voters of the district.

## Date of the Election:

A Board of Education Primary Election shall be held on February 13, 2024, only if three or more candidates file for the Board of Education position scheduled to be on the ballot or for a Board of Education position appearing on the ballot as an unexpired term. A Board of Education General Election shall be held on April 2, 2024, under the following circumstances: if only two candidates file for a position scheduled to be on the ballot or for a position on the ballot for an unexpired term or if no candidate in the Board of Education Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast. The polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Board Member Position on Ballot:

The voters shall elect a board member for board position No. 4, which has a 5-year term of office.

## Qualifications of Candidates for Office:

To be eligible to be a candidate for member of the board of education of a school district, a person must have resided in the district for at least six months preceding the first day of the filing period, and have been a registered voter registered with the county election board at an address located within the geographical boundaries of the district for six months preceding the first day of the filing period. In school districts that have been divided into election districts, a candidate must have resided in the district for six months preceding the first day of the filing period and have been a registered voter registered with the county election board at an address located within the geographical boundaries of the election district for six months preceding the first day of the filing period.

No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or elected to be a member of the board of education of a school district unless the person has been awarded a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency.

A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony or who has been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or be elected to any school board office for a period of fifteen years following completion of his sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or serve on a board of education if he or she is currently employed by the school district governed by the board of education or is related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to any other member of the board of education or to any employee of the school district. The following are relatives within the second degree: A candidate's spouse, child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, spouse's child, spouse's grandchild, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent, grandchild's spouse, parent's spouse, and child's spouse. The prohibitions in this paragraph shall not apply if the board member candidate is related within the second degree of affinity or consanguinity to an individual employed as a substitute teacher by the school district or as a temporary substitute support employee if the school district has an Average Daily Membership of less than five thousand (5,000).

Candidates must affirm that upon being elected as a new member of the Board of Education, within fifteen (15) months of election, they will complete at least twelve (12) hours of instruction on education issues, including school finance, Oklahoma education laws, and ethics, duties and responsibilities of district board of education members. Three (3) of these twelve (12) credits must be earned as follows: one (1) credit in ethics, one (1) credit in open meeting act and open records act, and one (1) credit in school finance. Incumbents must affirm that they will complete six (6) hours of instruction within fifteen (15) months of election emphasizing changes in school law. Three (3) of these six (6) credits must be earned as follows: one (1) credit in ethics, one (1) credit in open meeting act and open records act, and one (1) credit in school finance.

#### Voters Eligible to Vote:

To be eligible to vote, a voter must be registered with the county election board at an address within the geographical boundaries of the district.

#### Ballot Titles:

The ballot to be submitted to the voters shall call for the voters to:

1. Select one candidate for Gore School Board Position No. 4.

Approved by the Gore Board of Education this 9th day of October, 2023.

Cody Sloan  
President of the Board of Education

Ryan Hoog  
Clerk of the Board of Education

# Contest of Candidacy Information Sheet

Any candidate (referred to as petitioner) may contest the candidacy of any other candidate (referred to as contestee) for the same office by filing a written petition with the Secretary of the County Election Board who accepted the Declaration of Candidacy. In the event a candidate is unopposed, a petition contesting the candidacy may be filed by any registered voter who is eligible to vote for that office. A contest of candidacy petition must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the filing period. The petition must list the reasons alleged by the petitioner that the contestee is not qualified by law to become a candidate.

The petition must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check. Personal checks and cash will not be accepted. The check must be in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250), and it must be made out to the "Secretary of the Sequoyah County Election Board." An optional Petition for Contest of Candidacy form is available from the County Election Board.

## Serving Notice

The County Election Board Secretary will set a hearing date for the contest. Once the hearing is scheduled, it is the petitioner's responsibility to have a copy of the petition and a copy of the notice served on the contestee.

The petitioner takes a copy of the petition, the Notice of Hearing, and the Return of Service form provided by the County Election Board Secretary to the Sheriff of the county in which the contestee resides. An employee of the Sheriff's office is required to serve the petition and the Notice on the contestee within 24 hours from the time the County Election Board Secretary received the petition. For example, if the contest of candidacy petition was filed at 3 p.m. on Friday, the contestee must be served by 3 p.m. on Saturday. The Sheriff must provide the petitioner with written confirmation that service either was or was not performed. The petitioner presents the Return of Service form at the hearing when the County Election Board asks for proof of service.

If the Sheriff is unable to serve the contestee, this is indicated on the Return of Service form. The petitioner then serves the contestee's copies of the notice and petition on the County Election Board Secretary at the contest of candidacy hearing. By law, the County Election Board Secretary is the constructive service agent for all candidates who file Declarations of Candidacy with him or her, and the candidates are presumed to have accepted such constructive service when they file their Declarations.

## Burden of Proof

The petitioner must prove the allegations in the petition. However, a contestee who does not appear to answer the petition is deemed to be in default and is considered to have admitted the allegations in the petition. If the allegations are sufficient to disqualify the contestee, the Board shall strike the candidacy and remove the candidate's name from the ballot.

## **Contestee May Appear or Answer**

The contestee may appear at the hearing and/or may file a written answer to the allegations in the petition only after posting a deposit of \$250 in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check. The purpose of the contestee's appearance and/or written answer is to explain why his or her candidacy is valid.

## **Counsel**

Candidates may be represented by counsel but are not required to be.

## **At the Hearing**

More than one contest may be scheduled at the same time and place. If this is the case, the County Election Board members will announce at the beginning of the hearing the order in which the contests will be heard.

The petitioner will be asked to make an opening statement to the Board. The contestee then will be asked to make an opening statement. The contestee may waive, reserve or make an opening statement. The County Election Board may place a time limit on opening statements.

Following the opening statements, the parties will present witnesses and evidence. Witnesses will be called to the witness stand. The petitioner, the contestee and the County Election Board members will have the opportunity to question witnesses.

After all witnesses have been presented, the Secretary will ask for closing statements. The petitioner speaks first and then the contestee. The County Election Board also may place a time limit on closing statements.

The Secretary may ask the District Attorney to advise the Board on the applicable law. The Board members then have a chance to ask the District Attorney, counsel or the parties any final questions.

The County Election Board members will decide either to retain or to strike the candidacy. The decision is made by a motion, second, and a roll call vote.

## **Decision of the Board**

If the petitioner's allegations are not sufficient to disqualify the contestee, the candidate's name will be retained on the ballot. If the Board members determine that the contestee's Declaration of Candidacy can be amended to conform to the law, they may order the contestee to make the amendment. If the Board members determine that the contestee is not qualified to become a candidate for the office, they may order that the candidacy be stricken. In this case, the contestee's filing fee is forfeited.

The County Election Board's decision is final.

## **Costs of the Hearing**

If the contestee does not appear or if the contestee's name is retained on the ballot, the costs of the contest hearing are deducted from the petitioner's deposit. Any remaining balance is refunded to the petitioner. If the contestee appears or answers but the candidacy is stricken, costs of the contest hearing are deducted from the contestee's deposit, and any balance is refunded.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sequoyah County Election board.

26 O.S. §5-118, et seq.

*For a petition to contest candidacy please refer to your local county election board.*



**PETITION FOR CONTEST OF CANDIDACY**

I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the Office of \_\_\_\_\_  
by virtue of having lawfully filed a Declaration of Candidacy during the filing period held  
\_\_\_\_\_. I hereby contest the candidacy of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as contestee) for the  
same office, pursuant to Title 26, Section 5-118, of the Oklahoma Statutes. I accompany this  
petition with a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$250.00.

As the basis for this contest, I allege that the contestee was not qualified by law to become  
a candidate for the office for the reasons listed below.

List all reasons:

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\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## COMMON EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Must be published in a newspaper of the county wherein the school district administrative office is located at least ten days prior to the filing period.)

(Post at the school district administrative offices as well as the county election board office.)

## Legal Notice

The Board of Education of Gore Public School District hereby provides legal notice that the school board election filing period for candidates will open on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

### Board Member Position on Ballot:

The voters shall elect a board member for board position No. 4, which has a 5-year term of office.

McCrary,  
Gore Public Schools Superintendent

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**(Shall be issued to a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the school district's administrative office is located.)**

## Press Release

The Board of Education of Gore Public School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the #4 seat on the Gore Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the Sequoyah County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.. on each of the following days: Monday, December 4 through Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

McCrary,  
Gore Public Schools Superintendent