

PRESS RELEASE #14 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (CANDIDATE FILING)

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CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Candidates for the Board of Education in four Blaine County school districts will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning 8 a.m. Monday, December 4, 2023.

Brenda Rice, Secretary of the Blaine County Election Board, said Declaration of Candidacy forms must be completed and submitted to the County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 6, 2023, when the filing period ends. Rice reminds voters that Contests of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, December 8, 2023, and may only be filed by another candidate for that office. Contests against unopposed candidates may be filed by contacting the County Election Board.

If more than two candidates file for the same Board of Education seat, a Primary Election will be held Tuesday, February, 13, 2024,. If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, that candidate will be declared the elected official. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will vie for the office during the Board of Education General Election, Tuesday, April 2, 2024. If only two candidates file for the same Board of Education office, those two candidates' names will appear on the General Election ballot in April.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices:

Canton School District, Office No. 4

Geary School District, Office No. 4

Okeene School District Office No. 4

Watonga School District Office No. 4

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections or by contacting your County Election Board office at 580.623.5518 or blaine.county06@elections.ok.gov.

The Blaine County Election Board is located at 212 N Weigle and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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