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How does one become a board member?

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How do you become a member of the Pulaski School Board? The members of the Pulaski School Board are elected in the same process as all other elected officials are in our representative republic.

The process begins long before the general election day in April when you see the names on the ballot. The term of a board member is three years. It is a three-year election cycle, so for two years two members are elected and in the third year of the cycle, three members' terms expire.

Any resident of the Pulaski School District over 18 may run for the office; however, for six of the seats, you must live in the geographical area that the seat represents. There is one "at large" seat that you can run for from any area in the district.

First, you must file a declaration of candidacy for the position. For the School Board, this is done in the district office.

You also need to file a campaign finance disclosure as well so there is transparency in all funds that are utilized during the election process.

Depending on the number of people that declare candidacy, there may be a need for a primary election in February to narrow the field, and the two top vote getters move to the general election in April.

The top vote getter in the general election takes an oath of office and is formally seated as a member of the Board of Education.

If you have any interest in becoming involved in local government, please contact Trudy Wied at the District Office for election information.

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