

**MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #111 BOARD ELECTION**

## **School Board Seats up for Election**

Minooka Community High School District #111 will have seats to be filled at the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election. Candidates for the office of school board can begin to circulate nominating petitions for signatures beginning September 22, 2020. The period for filing nominating papers runs from December 14 through December 21, 2020.

Changes in the state election laws have moved the responsibility of school board elections from the local board secretary. Those duties are now handled by the county clerk. Candidates for school board will not be filing any paperwork at the local district. Candidates may contact the Grundy County Clerk at 815/941-3222 to confirm hours and for additional information. The Grundy County Clerk's office is located at 111 East Washington Street (Room 12 of the Courthouse), Morris, Illinois 60450. Blank petitions may also be downloaded from the State Board of Elections website, <https://www.elections.il.gov/>.

Five seats on the seven-member board of education will be filled at the April 6 election. Candidates elected to full terms will take office within 28 days following the election and serve four-year terms expiring in April 2025. One candidate will be elected to an unexpired, two-year term and will take office within 28 days following the election and serve until April 2023.

Thirty percent (30%) or more of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district; therefore, at least two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated territory. On the basis of existing board membership, at least two members must be elected from the unincorporated area.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates are not required to indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in The School Code.

Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:

1) Nominating petitions signed by a minimum of 50 eligible registered voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.

2) Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

3) A receipt from the Grundy County Circuit Clerk's office showing that the candidate has filed the statement of economic interests as noted above.

Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the clerk's office.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 6 board election may be obtained by contacting Dr. Kenneth Lee, Minooka Community High School Superintendent, at 815-521-4311.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards: <https://www.iasb.com/about-us/publications/pamphlets-and-tools/>

Candidates may also want to consult the "2021 Candidate's Guide", <https://elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionOperations/PDF/2021CanGuide.pdf> which can be downloaded from the State Board of Elections website, or contact the county clerk regarding the requirements of filing. Candidates and voters can also get information about the district from its website and learn about being a school board member from the Illinois Association of School Boards at: <https://www.iasb.com/elections/>