

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominating petition forms, for the April 5, 2011 school board election in Big Hollow School District, will be available on Thursday, September 16. Election packets may be picked up in the school district office, located in the middle school, on school days between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A school board candidate's nominating papers must be filed in the same office no earlier than 9:00 a.m., on Monday, December 13 and no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 20.

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

Three seats on the seven-member board of education will be filled at the April 5 election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2015.

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 registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in state law.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 5 board election may be obtained by contacting Superintendent Ron Pazanin (847-740-1490).

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for a free booklet, "Your School Board and You." Write: IASB, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703. The booklet also is available at the Association's website: www.iasb.com/training/community_resources.cfm.