

Procedural Rules for "Meet the Candidates"

Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Board Room – TJC Elementary School

This Meet the Candidates forum will last for one-half hour. At that time, the forum will be adjourned.

The audience is reminded that the individuals who have submitted petitions to become candidates for election to the Board of Education are community members and neighbors who seek to volunteer their services to the community. They deserve the respect of all for putting forth their names. In that spirit, no applause or other expressions of support or opposition will be permitted during this forum. Any member of the audience exhibiting such behavior will be asked to leave the room. If large numbers of the audience participate in such behavior, the forum will be immediately discontinued.

Biographical Overviews

To start the program, each candidate will be given up to **three minutes** to provide the audience with a brief biographical overview. The candidates will speak in the order of their appearance on the ballot. A timekeeper will be used and will remind candidates when they have only 15 seconds remaining in their allotted time.

Questions and Answers

This same procedure for keeping time will be used for the response time for questions from the audience.

- The Moderator will identify questioners.
- Questioners must be residents of the district and will be expected to state their names and addresses. A second question will be allowed only if time permits.
- **Each candidate will have one minute to answer each question.** The order of candidates' responses will be rotated. The first respondent to the first question shall be **Gregory Berl**. Thereafter, the rotation will follow the order on the ballot.

Questioners are reminded of the following rules:

- Questions should be worded in a fashion so that all candidates will be able to answer them regardless of whether or not they are incumbents.
- Avoid multi-part questions.
- State your question clearly so that the candidates won't have to provide their own interpretation.

The moderator will reserve the right to determine if a question has already been answered earlier. If the question is unclear to the moderator, the questioner will be asked by the moderator to reword it before the candidates are asked to respond.

Candidate order on the ballot:

1. Gregory Berl
2. Cindy Dawson