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On April 5th four candidates will be elected to the School District of Poynette Board of Education. There are seven seats on the board of education; each seat is elected at-large. Each term on the board is for three years, and the terms are staggered so that there are usually never more than three seats up for election.

The April 5th ballot will include not only the three seats that were scheduled to be determined at the election but will also include a fourth seat resulting from the resignation of a member a few months ago. The person filling this fourth seat will serve the remaining two years of the term of office.

The dead line for filing for the April 5th election was 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 4, 2012. Three citizens, all incumbents, filed for the April 5th election. As a result, the fourth seat will be filled by the person receiving the most write in votes, or if no write in votes are cast, the Board of Education will appoint a person to the position.

The Board of Education has held two regularly scheduled meetings per month for the past several years. The Board created three standing committees this past fall, and as a result, is considering scheduling only one regular monthly meeting.

The three standing committees are – (1) Curriculum Committee; (2) Facilities Committee and (3) Policy/Finance Committee. The Curriculum Committee meets twice a month and the Policy/Finance Committee meets once a month. The Facilities Committee meetings are scheduled as needed.

Public Education is vital to the state of Wisconsin and to all of its communities. I believe that serving on the Board of Education is a tremendous opportunity for a person to benefit not only our youth, but the entire community. Board members bring an important perspective, and working closely with the entire board, make decision making more representative of the community.