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## **Bond Campaigns**

Any special election to authorize bonded indebtedness shall be held on the first Tuesday in November in odd-numbered years in conjunction with the regular biennial school election or on general election day in even-numbered years.

If other jurisdictions that have overlapping boundaries or the same electors as the school district are conducting an election on the same day, the county clerk and recorder shall conduct the election as a coordinated election to allow voters to vote on all ballot issues at one polling place. The decision whether the election will be conducted as a polling place election or by mail ballot is one which shall be made by the county clerk.

The election shall be conducted pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the district and the county clerk and recorder [optional language; add if applicable—for each county in which the district has territory]. The agreement shall allocate responsibilities between the county clerk and the district for the preparation and conduct of the election and shall be signed no less than 60 days prior to the election. The Board shall designate a school election official to whom some election responsibilities may be delegated pursuant to the agreement.

As an alternative, the district may have the option of conducting the election by mail ballot in accordance with rules promulgated by the secretary of state when the county clerk is conducting a polling place election. This decision should be made after consultation with the county clerk.

Expenditures of any school district funds or in kind services to otherwise inform voters about election issues must be specifically authorized by the Board. The district may dispense a factual summary which includes arguments both for and against the proposal without any conclusion or opinions in favor of or against any particular issue addressed by the summary.

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LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Colorado, Article X, Section 20

C.R.S. 1-1-101 through 1-13-108 (Uniform Election Code of 1992)

C.R.S. 1-45-116 (Campaign Reform Act)

C.R.S. 22-41.5-101 et seq. C.R.S. 22-42-101 et seq.

C.R.S. 22-54-108