

## Canvassing of Affidavit Ballots - Section 2019-a Ed Law

Before certifying the results of the vote, the Board of Education must canvass any affidavit ballots using the following procedure:

- The Board designates itself or others as poll clerks to cast and canvass the ballots.
- The Board must fix a time and place, within 10 days after the vote, to meet to cast and canvass the affidavit ballots.
- At least 5 days prior to the meeting, the Board must send notice by first class mail to each candidate stating the time and place of the meeting.
  - ✓ The candidate can appoint a poll watcher to attend.

On the day of the meeting set to canvass the affidavit ballots, the inspectors must reject any ballot:

- Not found sealed in the envelope in which it was placed at the polling place;
- Of any voter for whom there is no registration record or central registration card at the County Board of Elections.

The inspectors then cast and canvass the remaining envelopes and ballots. Any person lawfully present may object:

- To the refusal to canvass a ballot on the grounds that the voter is a properly qualified voter; or
- To the canvass of a ballot on the grounds that the person is not properly qualified or otherwise entitled to cast a ballot.

Any objections are determined by the Board of Education by majority vote.

The votes are tallied and added to the prior results and the result is announced.

Any person whose vote is rejected must be notified by first class mail of the rejection and the reason therefor as well as where they may register or re-register to vote.