

On January 27, 2014, the School Board of Directors approved a resolution that allowed the Board to study the feasibility of changing School Board member elections from an at-large to a regional basis. Mrs. Sue Tiernan chaired the committee and along with members, Mr. Bret Binder and Dr. Rick Swalm, met monthly from February through April.

At the April 21, 2014 Electoral Committee Meeting, the committee recommended that a resolution appear on the April 28, 2014 Board Agenda approving the change from at-large to regional elections. The resolution passed, and the committee was tasked to bring the Board a map and plan for the proposed three regions.

The committee reconvened on June 16, 2014 to review regional map possibilities. The recommended map and accompanying resolution were placed on the June 23, 2014 board agenda for approval. Prior to the vote, Mrs. Tiernan moved to send the voting region plan back to committee for further consideration due to community concerns about the division of the West Chester Borough in the recommended map.

The committee met on Monday, July 21st at 6:30 pm in the Spellman Administration Building to review new mapping scenarios that would keep the West Chester Borough in one voting region. The maps were reviewed, and a recommendation was made to the full board. Please click here to view the entire [Electoral Committee Report](#).

At the Monday, July 28 School Board Meeting, the board approved the Electoral Committee's recommendation. [Click here](#) to view the final board approved resolution and map.

A hearing was set for October 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Court Room 11 of the Chester County Justice Center, 201 West Market Street, West Chester, PA, to consider the Petition for Three Regional Representation on the Board of School Directors of the West Chester School District. On October 3, 2014, by order of Judge Edward Griffith, the Chester County Court of Common Pleas approved the plan to divide the West Chester Area School District into three voting regions as proposed by the West Chester Board of School Directors.

Beginning with the May 2015 primary election for school board members, the community will vote for candidates in one of three regions rather than at-large (one voting region) which has been done since the District's inception in 1966.

"For the May 2015 election cycle there will not be a seat for every current sitting Board member in that region," said Board President Dr. Ricky Swalm. "The approved plan also includes an exception in the cycle so each of the three regions is guaranteed to always have one or two board member seats up for election in each cycle."