

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 5b

MEETING OF June 25, 2025

Item Title:

Filling The Board Vacancy

SUBMITTED BY: Chloe Hall, School Board Clerk

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: Michael Robbins, Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

There is one vacant seat on the School Board that needs to be filled with appointment

BACKGROUND:

The vacancy has been advertised with an application deadline of Friday, June 20 2025 at Noon.

ISSUE:

Board Bylaw 9223 states that a vacancy on the Board shall be filled within 30 days of the seat being declared vacant. The seat was declared vacant when the Board accepted the Resignation of Tom Heutte on May 28, 2025.

If Darlene D-Svenson is appointed to the Board, she will take the Oath of Office before being seated.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Darlene D-Svenson's Application

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To fill the vacant seat.

BOARD VACANCIES**APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

NAME Darlene d-Svenson	DATE 05-29-2025
MAILING ADDRESS 14861 North Tongass Hwy Ketchikan AK 99901	PHONE and/or E-MAIL 808.281.5540 darlene.dsve nsonak@gm ail.com

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**1. What is your reason for seeking an interim Board appointment?**

With a professional background in finance
I'll bring a comprehensive understanding of fiscal responsibility.

2. What do you hope to accomplish as an interim Board member?

Financial transparency ~ to the stewardship of school district funds.

3. What previous experience have you had serving on Boards?

Current Boards ~ North Tongass Service Board ~
~ Ketchikan Gateway Borough ~ Planning Commissioner
~ Ketchikan Community Chorus

4. What do you consider to be the greatest personal asset you would bring to the Board as an interim member?

I am a STRONG advocate for quality education

5. What are the biggest issues you see the District facing?

poor student grade scores ~ anxiety ~ loss of student electives

6. What suggestion do you have to improve our School District?

Listen to the families that have children attending our schools

Darlene J-Svenson

Signature