

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 5

MEETING OF May 26, 2021

Reviewed By

Item Title:

Filling of the Board Vacancy

SUBMITTED BY _____

Contact Person/Telephone

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

Name

Phone

Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A vacant seat on the School Board needs to be filled with an appointment.

BACKGROUND:

The vacancy was advertised with an application deadline of 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, 2021.

Trevor Shaw was the only applicant.

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 on May 4, 2021 when the Board accepted the resignation of Sonya Skan.)

If Mr. Shaw is appointed to the Board, he will take the Oath of Office before being seated.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED

- Trevor Shaw's application
- Pertinent section of Board Bylaw 9223

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To fill the vacant seat.

Trevor Shaw

From: Trevor Shaw <ktntrevor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Kerry Watson <kerry.watson@k21schools.org>; Trevor Shaw
Subject: Trevor Shaw School Board Vacancy Application 5-17-2021
Attachments: Trevor Shaw School Board Vacancy Application 5-17-2021.pdf

Good Afternoon Kerry,

Please see the attached application for the current vacancy on the School Board. If could reply with a confirmation that you received this, I would appreciate it. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need additional information. Thank you!

- Trevor

BOARD VACANCIES**APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

NAME Trevor A. Shaw	DATE 05/17/2021
MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 1512, Ward Cove, AK 99928	PHONE and/or E-MAIL 907-821-8072 kntrevor@yahoo.com

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What is your reason for seeking an interim Board appointment?

The School District is at a critical juncture at this point in time with losing the Superintendent midyear and the cut in the Borough's discretionary contribution. I hope to help contribute to the long-term solutions that provide stability for our School District during these uncertain times.

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

My major goals as an interim Board Member would be: the hiring of a permanent Superintendent after a thorough and transparent hiring process. Help craft creative budget solutions to restore the Borough's discretionary contribution level and identify other sources of sustainable, long-term revenue for the School District. See the adoption of policy regarding the process for selecting Interim Superintendents. Support efforts to identify and secure resources to be used to make up for any "lost learning" by our students due to the pandemic.

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

*Co-President, United Youth Courts of Alaska; 2013-2014
Member, Ketchikan School Board; 2013-2018
President, Ketchikan School Board; 2016-2018
Member, Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (appointed by Gov. Walker); 2015-2018
Director, Association of Alaska School Boards; 2017-2018*

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

Experience serving on the School Board previously during times of consequential decision-making. I will be the first to tell you I made mistakes, and have gained a unique perspective of how impactful the decisions of the School Board can be: good, bad, or otherwise. It is the responsibility of the Board to be impartial, open-minded, and indisputably transparent. I hope to bring that perspective of "lessons learned" to the Board during these unprecedented times to help ensure that each diverse point of view is applied to the Board's decision-making process.

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

- 1. Budget cuts and stagnant current sources of revenue for the District.*
- 2. Selecting a new, permanent Superintendent.*
- 3. The post-pandemic "recovery" for the School District.*
- 4. Establishing and maintaining more permanent COVID mitigation protocols.*

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

I have numerous ideas, suggestions, and potential solutions that I would be glad to discuss in an interview with the Board. I don't think there is enough room in this application to do them justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. A. Shaw", written over a horizontal line.

Signature

BOARD BYLAW 9223

Appointment to the Board

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled within 30 days of the vacancy by Board appointment. When making an appointment to the Board, the Board desires to draw from the widest possible number of candidates.

The Board shall:

1. Advertise the vacancy in suitable local media.
2. Solicit applications or nominations of any legally qualified citizen interested in serving on the Board.
3. Provide candidates with appropriate information regarding Board member responsibilities.
4. Announce names of candidates and accept public input either in writing or at a public meeting.
5. Interview the candidates at a public meeting.
6. Select the provisional appointee by majority vote at a public meeting.

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.08.041 Regional School Boards

14.08.045 Vacancies

14.08.081 Recall

14.12.070 Vacancies

14.14.080 Declaring a School Board vacancy

29.26.240 - 29.26.360 Recall

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Adoption Date: 10/13/99