

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 4 a

MEETING OF January 22, 2020

Reviewed By

Item Title:

Process for Appointment to the Vacant Board Seat

SUBMITTED BY Kerry Watson, Board Clerk

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

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Superintendent

Beth Lougee

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

With only one applicant for the vacant Board seat, the School Board may want to discuss whether an interview of that applicant is desired.

BACKGROUND:

This agenda statement is provided in the event the Board wishes to discuss how to proceed.

ISSUE:

Board Bylaw 9223 addresses the filling of a Board vacancy. In part, it states that candidates will be interviewed.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED

- Board Bylaw 9223

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education

BOARD VACANCIES

The School Board may declare a School Board seat vacant if the person elected:

1. fails to qualify for Board membership within 30 days of certification of the election,
2. refuses to take office,
3. resigns,
4. is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a violation of the oath of office while serving as a School Board member,
5. no longer resides within the boundaries which he/she was elected to represent and a two-thirds vote of the Board declares the seat vacant.

(cf. 9220 - School Board Election)

The School Board shall declare a vacancy on the Board for any actions which disqualify a member from service in accordance with state laws and local ordinances.

Three consecutive unexcused absences from regular Board meetings shall be sufficient cause for the Board to declare a Board vacancy.

(cf. 9121 - President)

cf. 9320 - Meetings)

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.

BOARD VACANCIES (continued)

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