

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 5d

**MEETING OF** April 23, 2025

**Item Title:**

Filling The Board Vacancies

**SUBMITTED BY:** Chloe Hall, School Board Clerk

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:** Michael Robbins, Superintendent

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

There are two vacant seats on the School Board that need to be filled with appointment

**BACKGROUND:**

The vacancies have been advertised with an application deadline of Thursday, April 17, 2025.

**ISSUE:**

Board Bylaw 9223 states that a vacancy on the Board shall be filled within 30 days of the seat being declared vacant. The seats were declared vacant when the Board accepted the resignations on March 26, 2025 for Michele O'Brien and April 2, 2025 for Keenan Sanderson.

If Paul Robbins Jr. is appointed to the Board, he will take the Oath of Office before being seated.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Paul Robbins Jr.'s Application

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

To fill the vacant seat.



**BOARD VACANCIES****APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

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| NAME<br>Paul Rabbias Jr.                                    | DATE<br>April 4, 2025               |
| MAILING ADDRESS<br>62B Willow Circle<br>Ketchikan, AK 99901 | PHONE and/or E-MAIL<br>760 586 8065 |

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

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

Members of the district and community have asked me to serve again and help the board through a difficult time.

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

Improve communication with the public, support the hard working District staff and help the board navigate complex issues.

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

I have been appointed to this school board before, and elected to serve a complete 3-year term.

I've also been an officer for the local VFW post for 5 years.



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

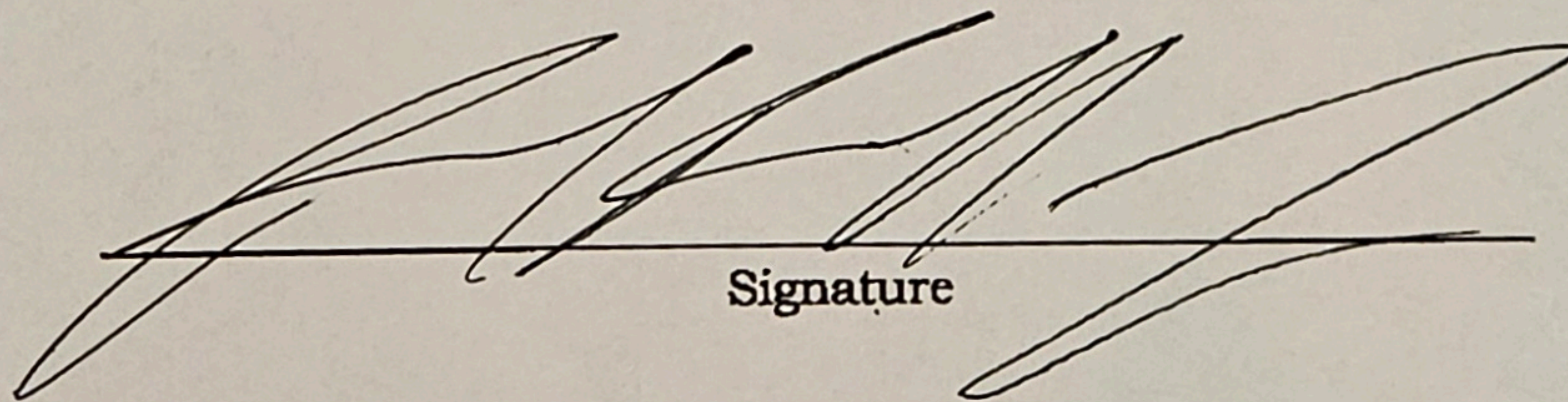
I am an expert in communication and public relations. I also served on this school board through COVID and led the Policy Committee for 2 years.

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

The budget shortfall and Superintendent hiring.

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

Consistent and clear communication of all actions and plans is key to improving the relationship between the District, Board and community. Explain the why AND how public engagement impacted the decision.



Signature