

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 5c

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 Melissa Reed is appointed to the Board, she will take the Oath of Office before being seated.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Melissa Reed's Application

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To fill the vacant seat.

BOARD VACANCIES**APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

NAME Melissa Reed	DATE 2 April 2025
MAILING ADDRESS 950 N Point Higgins Rd Ketchikan 99901	PHONE and/or E-MAIL 9078218828 errn924@yahoo.com

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

Serving my community as a school board member is something I planned on pursuing for the October election, the current vacancies have just moved up the timeline. As for why, I have a son in high school and grandkids in elementary school. The changes that have been discussed over the last several months have been both welcome and also concerning. I have the ear of many community members and would like to do everything possible to unite the community and come together for the students and the staff.

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

I hope to assist current board members in uniting the community through discussion and compromised resolution. There are many issues that need to be addressed regarding student education, the budget, retention of staff, repairs to all buildings, and future growth and development.

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

I have served in several different capacities on advisory boards, non-profit boards, professional boards, and health boards. This work has been both rewarding and challenging. I have been a part of legislation for healthcare related work, as well as fund-raising, and community development. Board service requires a time commitment, a desire to serve the community, and the understanding that it will not always be a position of favor with community members.

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

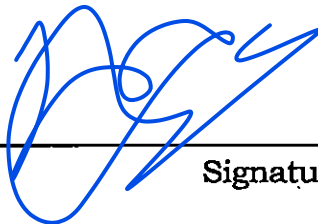
As a nurse, I bring the ability to listen and assess many different situations. As a professor, I bring a unique perspective related to the needs of students and staff. As previously mentioned, I want to listen to the community and their collective thoughts, talk with students, and then use that information to assist in making the best decisions for the school system, the students, and the community.

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

Currently, there is a financial deficit that is problematic for the district, this issue and the handling of such to date has been exacerbated by a lack of community trust.

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

When dealing with children, tax dollars and financial short falls, the provision of options and transparency are essential for the community to feel included and to be able to reconcile the losses that will need to be implemented.



Melissa Reed

Signature