

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 5e

**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 Lindsey Johnson is appointed to the Board, she will take the Oath of Office before being seated.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Lindsey Johnson's Application

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

To fill the vacant seat.

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

I do my best to stay apprised of the challenges and accomplishments we face as a community and would like to play a larger role. I plan on running for School Board and an interim Board appointment can help me accomplish those goals by allowing me to participate and learn as a School Board member and decide if it is a good fit for me to continue service in my community by running for School Board in the fall.

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

I hope to learn as much as I can through listening to other board members, city and borough officials, teachers and administrators, community members, and students. I intend to gather as much information as I can to assist in making solid choices that will positively impact our schools and community and build confidence and trust in our School Board.

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

I served five years on First City Players Board of Governors from 2019-2025. While a board member I served on numerous committees, heading our season selection committee, and volunteered in many capacities over my years of service.

I also served on the Ketchikan Museum Advisory Board for two years, during reconstruction of the permanent exhibit.

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

I strongly believe in education in general and in educating myself. I will take my time as a critical thinker and listener to help our community come to difficult decisions that affect our schools and community, creating space and understanding for multiple perspectives, but do it decisively, knowing that not everyone will agree with all decisions made. I will not approach this job with a narrow mindset and am willing to listen to all perspectives with respect, even those I may disagree with.

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

Currently I see issues with trust and communication. I hear the community asking for transparency and I'd like to help foster a District and School Board that garners confidence from our community. On a larger national scale people are feeling uneasy and nervous about the future regardless of political leanings. There is a deficit on a state level and city level. I want to participate in our School Board to help show our community that we have a voice in our own communities and can build spaces we believe in and foster a higher quality and standard in our District.

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

The School District has been operating in a crisis mode for quite some time and I'd like to see our board take steps to emerge from it, ready to be responsive to the community and establish open and positive communication with the Ketchikan Borough Assembly, administrative staff and faculty of the district, students, and parents. The District and School Board can only do so much with the budget given, but we can work together to create strategies and support to be a district that not only survives, but excels within the parameters we are given.

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