

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA STATEMENT**

NO: 4

SPECIAL MEETING OF: April 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

Acceptance of the resignation of Keenan Sanderson from the Board of Education effective immediately and declare his seat vacant.

SUBMITTED BY: Chloe Hall, School Board Clerk

CONTACT PERSON/TELEPHONE:

Chloe Hall, 907-247-2109
School Board Clerk Phone

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Michael Robbins, 907-247-2109
Superintendent Phone

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Board is being asked to accept the resignation of Keenan Sanderson from the Board of Education, declare his seat vacated and initiate a process to fill the seat.

BACKGROUND: Member Keenan Sanderson submitted a letter of resignation on March 25, 2025.

ISSUE: Per Board Bylaw 9222: "The Board shall declare the board member's seat vacant upon acceptance of the resignation." Board Bylaw 9223 also describes the process for soliciting candidates and appointing a candidate to the Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

Keenan Sanderson's resignation letter
Board Bylaw 9222
Board Bylaw 9223
Suggested timeline for filling the vacant seat

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation immediately, declare the seat vacant; and agree to a timeline and process for appointing a new member at the April 23, 2025 regular School Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "I move that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Keenan Sanderson from the Board of Education, effective immediately and declare the seat vacant."

{School Board} Clarification of Resignation

Keenan Sanderson

Mar 25, 2025, 6:53 PM

Good evening members of the School Board,

I hope you are all well. I'm sending this message to clarify my intent and support you all as much as I can about my resignation.

On Saturday March 22nd is when I had first indicated my intent for resignation. However, given the timing and questions that needed to be answered, I missed the window to put this on the table for this upcoming meeting. Which is why I will request that the board consider my resignation acceptance on the April 9th meeting to assure compliance with the Open Meetings Act as well as any paperwork that needs to be done. I will work with the Clerk to make sure that happens.

I want to reiterate my love and respect for the board, staff, and students of this district. It has been a huge honor & privilege to be a part of this board. If there is one thing I learned in my time, it's that there is so much that goes unseen for what you all do for this community.

Please continue doing the good work you do, but also please remember to take care of yourselves as well.

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Keenan Sanderson

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Resignation
BP 9222.00
RESIGNATION

A School Board member who wishes to resign must submit his/her written resignation to the School Board.

The Board shall declare the board member's seat vacant upon acceptance of the resignation. The Board may accept the resignation with a deferred effective date.

(cf. 9223 - Board Vacancies)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.08.045 Vacancies

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Revision Date: 12/10/08

Board Vacancies

BP 9223.00

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.

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

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Adoption Date: 10/13/99



Memo

To: School Board
From: Chloe Hall, Board Clerk
Date: March 29, 2025 for Special meeting of April 2, 2025

Regarding the Proposed timeline for filling vacant seats on the Board of Education.

Upon declaring a seat on the Board vacant, the following timeline might be used to meet the 30 day requirement to fill the vacancy.

April 2, 2025 - Accept resignation and declare seat vacant

Ongoing - Board Clerk has already begun advertising the vacant seat and soliciting applications.

April 17, 2025 - Deadline for submitting applications (This allows for the names of candidates to be included on the agenda for the April 23, 2025 meeting.)

April 23, 2025 - Candidates interviewed* and an appointee selected during the regularly scheduled meeting, by majority vote.

*There is a slate of questions that each candidate answers, with opportunity for follow up on specific responses.