

DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomington, Illinois
Regular Meeting April 26, 2021

FOR DISCUSSION:

Subject: Board Vacancies

Due to a resignation by one board member and the choice not to run for re-election by another, there are two vacancies at the time of the writing of this cover sheet.

As I mentioned in the *Thursday Letter*, the process by which unfilled seats are filled according to the Illinois School Code is as follows:

- A letter must be sent to the Regional Superintendent of Schools within 5 days of canvassing the results to acknowledge the vacancy;
- The vacancy must be filled within 30 days by the Board of Education;
- The successor's re-election will be scheduled for the next consolidated election in 2023.

After checking with Dr. Ruscitti, the Board has 60 days to fill the vacancy instead of 30. However, she would like to be aware of the vacancies as soon as we can confirm them following the canvassing of the results of the April 6 election.

The exact procedures for selecting new members for the Board are vague in the School Code, but in my experience, boards have advertised the vacancy and had people submit interest to the recording secretary. A special meeting would be called to interview potential candidates and the Board could vote in a new member after the process has been completed. I have also seen boards tap into those individuals they know in the community who have expressed interest in this service.