

BOARD VACANCIES

The School Board will 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,
5. no longer resides within the boundaries of the district.

(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)

Qualifications

A qualified voter who has resided continuously in the city during the thirty days immediately preceding the election may be nominated for election to the School Board. Voter qualifications include:

1. has passed his/her eighteenth birthday;
2. has been a resident of the state for at least thirty days before the election;
3. has been a resident of the city for at least thirty days immediately preceding the election, and has been a registered voter with a residence address within the city for at least thirty days immediately preceding the election;
4. is a citizen of the United States;
5. is not disqualified from voting under Article V of the State Constitution; and
6. is registered to vote in state elections.

BOARD VACANCIES (continued)

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.

(cf. 9210 – Qualifications)

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

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