

BB 9223 BOARD VACANCIES

Note: The following provisions apply to school boards pursuant to [A.S. 14.08.045](#). Item 1 below could apply to a write-in candidate whose qualifications were not verified prior to election or to a district employee who fails to resign his/her employment after election.

The School Board may declare a Board seat vacant if the person elected:

1. Fails to qualify for Board membership within thirty (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 that he/she was elected to represent and a two-thirds vote of the Board declares the seat vacant.

(cf. 9220 - School Board Elections)

The School Board shall declare a vacancy on the Board for any actions that disqualify a member from service in accordance with state laws and local ordinances.

Note: [A.S. 14.14.080](#) allows a school board to declare a board vacancy when a member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings without being excused by the Board president.

Three (3) 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 thirty (30) days of the vacancy by a 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 References:

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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