

SEATING OF A NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Board Appointment

As of Thursday, March 16, it was 14 days since the vacancy on the school board was published in the *Independent*. During that time, there were no objections or challenges to the Board's appointment. That means Marc Schlichting is now the new duly appointed school board member.

Welcome back onto the Board, Marc.

Administration of Oath of Office

According to Board Policy 202.2,

“Board members are officials of the state. As a public official, each board member must pledge to uphold the Iowa and the United States Constitution and carry out the responsibilities of the office to the best of the board members' ability.

Regarding the appointment of a new school board member, the policy goes on to state the following:

“In the event of an appointment or special election to fill a vacancy, the new board member will take the oath of office within 10 days of the appointment or election.”

In accordance with Board Policy 202.2, the oath of office is administered by the board secretary.

The oath of office appears below:

“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that you will faithfully and impartially, to the best of your ability, discharge the duties of the office of board member in the Belmond-Klemme Community School District as now and hereafter required by law?”