

Todd County School District Policy: BBBE

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

When a vacancy occurs on the board a new board member shall be appointed.

When a vacancy occurs on the board, the vacancy shall be made known to the public.

District residents who are interested in the position, and qualify by law, must submit a written letter to the board indicating their interest and qualifications. The letter will be reviewed by the board, as a whole and not more than three finalists should be selected for further consideration. Candidates not selected for an interview will be notified by mail. Candidates selected for an interview will be notified by phone, e-mail, or letter.

The finalists will be invited to meet with the board on an individual basis after which time the appointment shall be made. Candidates not selected after the board interview will be notified by letter.

Every reasonable effort shall be made to have the full board present at the time of appointment.

The new appointee will qualify as if elected at or before the next school board meeting. He or she will serve until the next election, at which time a successor will be elected to serve the unexpired term.

When a vacancy occurs on the board due to the failure to elect a person to succeed a school board member whose term has expired, or an elected school board member's failure to qualify, or a school board member's resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by all school board members, including the vacating member.

When a vacancy occurs on the board due to death of a board member, a board member is removed from the board pursuant to law, or ceases to be a resident of the school district or representation area where elected, or is convicted of any infamous crime or of any offense involving a violation of the member's official oath, or has a judgment obtained against the member for breach of the member's official bond, or is incapacitated and is unable to attend to the duties of the position, or assumes the duties of an office incompatible with the duties of a school board member, the remaining board members are responsible for the appointment of a new board member.

The new appointee will qualify as if elected, at or before the next school board meeting. The appointee will serve until the next succeeding election, at which time a successor will be elected to serve the unexpired term.

Legal References: SDCL 3-14 (Expiration of term of office)
SDCL 13-8-14 (Assumption of office by new members)
SDCL 13-8-22 (Incumbent continuing in office)
SDCL 13-8-23 (Events creating vacancy on board)
SDCL 13-8-24 (Effective date of resignation)
SDCL 13-8-25 (Appointments to fill vacancies on board)
SDCL 6-1-22 (Members of governing bodies displaced by natural
disaster)

Cross References: BBBE-E: Application for Board of Education Membership
Form

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