

0143 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

The election and appointment of Board of Education members will be conducted in strict compliance with law.

A vacancy **in the membership of a** ~~on the~~ Board of Education shall ~~will~~ be filled **as follows** by:

1. **By t**~~The~~ **Executive** County Superintendent, if ~~the~~ a vacancy is caused by:
 - a. The absence of candidates for election to the school Board; or
 - b. The removal of a member because of lack of qualifications; or
 - c. The failure of the Board to appoint a person to a vacancy within sixty-five days following its occurrence; or
 - d. ~~A tie for election between~~ **Two or more candidates qualified by law for membership on the Board receiving an equal number of votes** in a special runoff election.
2. **By the Executive County Superintendent, to a number sufficient to make up a quorum of the Board if, by reason of vacancies, a quorum is lacking;**
- 2 3. **By s**~~Special~~ election within sixty days of the annual **school** election, if:
 - a. Two or more ~~qualified~~ candidates **qualified by law for membership on the school Board receive an equal number of votes in the annual school election** ~~tie for election~~; or
 - b. The annual election is disqualified due to improper election procedures.
3. ~~The County Superintendent, to a number sufficient to make up a quorum of the Board if, by reason of vacancies, a quorum is lacking;~~
4. **By t**~~The~~ Commissioner of Education if there is a failure to elect a member at the annual school election due to improper **campaign** ~~election~~ practices; or



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5. **By a** ~~A~~ majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Education after the vacancy occurs in all other cases.

The Board Secretary shall promptly notify the President of a vacancy to be filled by the Board. ~~T~~he President shall inform all other Board members. The Board will give public notice of the vacancy and invite any qualified person to submit a written request for consideration of his/her candidacy for the vacancy. The Board may also require candidates submit a resume with their written request.

In considering candidates who have expressed an interest in a vacancy, the Board of Education may interview ~~interested~~ candidates in public or executive session. The Board **must will** vote to appoint a candidate to a vacancy in public session **and there shall be no decisions made in executive session**. In the event interviews are conducted in executive session, Board members, in the public session nomination and voting process, shall express their opinion in support of their vote ~~for a candidate~~ **so the public can witness any deliberations, policy formulation, and the decision making process of the Board**.

A roll call vote will be conducted on candidates in the order the candidates were nominated with a second. If there are two or more vacancies, each vacancy will be filled by a separate election process. The first candidate who receives the votes of a majority of the remaining Board members will be elected to the vacancy. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the remaining Board members, ~~a second~~ **another** election **process** shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

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