

## **Vacancies**

A vacancy occurs when a Board member resigns, forfeits or otherwise leaves the office. A vacancy also includes, but is not limited to, the following: failure to be properly elected, failure to qualify within the time fixed by law, failure to reside in the school district or director district, a court order declaring the seat vacant, conviction of a felony, three violations of the open meetings law, or conviction of a public offense in violation of the oath of office.

If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by Board appointment within thirty days of the vacancy. The newly-appointed Board member shall hold the position until the next scheduled school election. At that time, the appointed Board member may run for a three year term, if one is available, or run for the remainder of the unexpired term.

If the Board is unable to fill a vacancy by appointment within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, the Board Secretary shall call a special election to be held no sooner than sixty days and not later than seventy days after the vacancy occurred. A Board member elected at the special election shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

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