

**FOREST PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL**

Board of Education

Vacancies on Board of Education - Filling Vacancies

Vacancy

Elective office of a Board of Education member becomes vacant before the term's expiration when any of the following occurs:

1. Death of the incumbent;
2. Resignation in writing filed with the Secretary of the Board of Education;
3. Legal disability of the incumbent;
4. Conviction of a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime, or of any offense involving a violation of official oath; or of a violent crime against a child.
5. Removal from office;
6. The decision of a competent tribunal declaring the election void;
7. Ceasing to be an inhabitant of the District or, a particular area from which they were elected, if the residential requirements contained in The School Code are violated;
8. An illegal conflict of interest; or
9. Acceptance of a second public office that is incompatible with School Board membership.

Filling Vacancies

Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members shall notify the Intermediate Service Center of that vacancy within 5 days after its occurrence and shall fill the vacancy until the next regular school Board election, at which election; a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than 868 days remaining in the term, the person so appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term, and no election to fill the vacancy shall be held. Members appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill vacancies shall meet any residential requirements as specified in The School Code.

Immediately following a vacancy on the Board, the Board shall publicize the vacancy and solicit a statement of interest and background/resume from District residents who are interested in filling the vacancy. The Board may screen the applicants and may make a determination to invite all or a limited number of prospective candidates for personal interviews to be conducted during one or more duly scheduled closed meetings. In the alternative, a special Board committee may be formed, pursuant to Board policy 2:150, Committees, consisting of two Board members and with the specific purpose of conducting the interviews. The special Board committee shall then provide its recommendations to the entire Board in a duly scheduled closed meeting. In any event, the Board shall fill the vacancy within 45 days after it occurred by a public vote at a meeting of the Board. If a special Board committee was formed as part of the process, said committee shall be deemed to be automatically dissolved at the conclusion of the public vote to fill the Board vacancy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-10 and 5/10-11

CROSS REF.: 2:40 (Qualifications), 2:60 (Removal), 2:150 (Committees)

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