

## BP 9223 BOARD VACANCIES

The School Board may declare a regional school board seat vacant if the person elected:

1. fails to qualify for School Board membership within 30 days of certification of the election,
2. refuses to take office,
3. resigns,
4. is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a violation of the oath of office while serving as a School Board member,
5. no longer resides within the boundaries which he/she was elected to represent and a two- thirds vote of the School Board declares the seat vacant.

(cf. 9220 - School Board Election)

The school board shall declare a vacancy on the School Board for any actions which disqualify a member from service in accordance with state laws and local ordinances.

**Note: AS 14.14.080 allows a school board to declare a board vacancy when a member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings without being excused by the School Board President.**

Three consecutive unexcused absences from regular board meetings shall be sufficient cause for the School Board to declare a School Board vacancy.

(cf. 9121 - President) (cf. 9320 - Meetings)

### **Appointment to the School Board**

A vacancy on the School Board shall be filled within 30 days of the vacancy by School Board appointment. When making an appointment to the School Board, the School Board desires to draw from the widest possible number of candidates.

The School Board shall:

1. Advertise the vacancy in suitable local media.
2. Solicit applications or nominations of any legally qualified citizen interested in serving on the School Board.
3. Provide candidates with appropriate information regarding School Board member responsibilities.
4. Announce names of candidates and accept public input either in writing or at a public meeting.
5. Interview the candidates at a public meeting.
6. Select the provisional appointee by majority vote at a public meeting.

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district School Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a School Board member upon appointment.

(cf. 9210 - Qualifications)

*Legal Reference:*

*ALASKA STATUTES*

*14.08.041 Regional school boards*

*14.08.045 Vacancies*

*14.08.081 Recall*

*14.12.070 Vacancies*

*14.14.080 Declaring a school board vacancy*

*29.26.240 - 29.26.360 Recall*

*Revised 01/07*

**9/92**

Adopted 12/2022