POLICY#: 133

SECTION: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FILLING BOARD VACANCIES

Appointments to unexpired terms will be made by the Board as follows:

Announcement of the vacancy will be published in the local newspaper designated by the board as the official newspaper for the current year.

- 1. A deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy will be established.
- 2. Persons who have filed a declaration of candidacy will be given an opportunity to make any statement they wish to make on behalf of their candidacy at a meeting of the board noticed for that purpose.
- 3. Members of the board may ask questions of the candidates.
- 4. Any qualified elector of this district may be given an opportunity to make a statement on behalf of a candidate.
- 5. The board president will then announce that board members may, if they wish, discuss the candidates.
- 6. A motion will be taken for the appointment. If a motion fails, either for want of a second or for lack of a majority, another motion will be entered and the process repeated until a candidate has received, a majority from the remaining members present.
- 7. In the event that after twelve (12) votes and a tie exists, a draw from a new deck of cards shall be used to determine the winner. After the deck has been shuffled, the highest draw, with 2 being the lowest and ace being the highest shall be declared the winner. Consecutive draws may be conducted until a winner is declared. The candidate whose last name is first alphabetically, will draw first. The Superintendent shall supervise the draw of the cards with the Board as witnesses.
- 8. The person so appointed will then execute the oath of office and be seated at the next regular board meeting. If the vacancy is created and filled between the first Tuesday in April and the last Tuesday in November of any calendar year or in the last year of the elected Board member's term, the appointed individual will serve until the next spring election. If the vacancy occurs after the last Tuesday in November but on or before the next spring election, the successor shall serve until the second spring election (or until incumbent's term ends whichever comes first).

All new board member appointments will be made by a majority vote of board members at an open board meeting. Such action must be included on the published agenda for the meeting.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 17.26, 120.06(10)

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