

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

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BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

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

The Bernards Township Board of Education shall neither favor nor give the appearance of favoring one candidate over another. When information is released, it shall be made equally available to all candidates. No candidates, including candidates who are incumbent Board members, shall receive preferential treatment.

A vacancy on the Bernards Township Board of Education will be filled by the County Superintendent if a vacancy is caused by:

- The failure to elect a member,
- The removal of a disqualified member,
- The failure of the Board to appoint a person to vacancy within sixty-five days,
- The Board's inability to fill vacancies because a quorum is lacking, or
- A tie for election between two or more candidates in a special runoff election;

A vacancy on the Board will be filled by special election within sixty days of the annual election:

- If two or more qualified candidates tie for election, or
- The annual election is disqualified due to improper election procedures;

A vacancy on the Board will be filled by the Commissioner:

- If there is a failure to elect a member at the annual school election due to improper election practices; or
- By the Board of Education in all other cases.

The Board Secretary shall promptly notify the President of a vacancy to be filled by the Board; the President shall inform all other Board members. The Board will give public notice of the vacancy and invite any qualified person to request consideration of his or her candidacy for the vacancy.

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The Board will meet in public session to interview candidates and to inform them of the duties and responsibilities of Board membership. The Board may meet in private session for the sole purpose of discussing a candidate's qualifications for membership.

At a regular public meeting or at a special public meeting called for the purpose of filling the vacancy, any Board member may nominate a candidates for election to Board membership, provided that ~~each~~ the candidate nominated is, to the best of the nominator's knowledge, qualified for election and willing to serve. The nomination will require a second. A roll call vote will be held on the nomination. If more than one candidate is nominated, each Board member will vote for one candidate in a roll call vote.

If there are two or more vacancies, each vacancy will be filled by a separate election.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-7, 12-11, 12-15; 18A:14-1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6:56-1.1

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