QUALIFICATIONS

Note: Under AS 14.08.041 (governing regional school boards) and AS 14.12.080 (municipal school boards), individuals are eligible to run for school board if they meet local voter qualifications. Local voter qualifications are set forth at AS 29.26.050. To be a qualified local voter, the individual must also meet the requirements to vote in the State of Alaska as defined in the Alaska Constitution, article V, and AS 15.05.010. The following policy sets forth the qualifications to be a voter in a state and local election, thus qualifying an individual to seek a seat on the school board.

All qualified and interested individuals are encouraged to serve the District and its students by seeking election to the School Board.

(cf. 9220 – School Board Elections)

An individual with the following qualifications is eligible to be a member of the School Board:

1. is a citizen of the United States;
2. is 18 years of age or older;
3. is a registered voter in the State of Alaska;
4. has been a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the election (or appointment); and
5. is not disqualified from voting due to:
   a. conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, assuming voting rights have not been restored; or
   b. a court finding of incompetency, unless the disability no longer exists.

(cf. 9200 – Board Members)
(cf. 9223 – Filling Vacancies)

A District student is eligible for appointment as an advisory Student Board Member without meeting the above qualifications.

(cf. 9110 – Board Membership, incl. Student Board Members)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES
14.08.041 Regional school boards
14.12.080 Qualification of members
15.05.010 Voter Qualification
29.26.050 Voter Qualification

ALASKA CONSTITUTION
art. 5, sec. 1, Qualified Voters
art. 5, sec. 2, Disqualifications

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RESIGNATION

A School Board member who wishes to resign may do so by submitting his/her written resignation to the School Board.

The Board shall declare the board member's seat vacant upon acceptance of the resignation. The Board may accept the resignation with a deferred effective date.

(cf. 9223 - Board Vacancies)

Legal Reference:
ALASKA STATUTES
14.08.045 Vacancies

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BOARD VACANCIES

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

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

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

Appointment to the Board

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

The Board shall:

1. Advertise the vacancy in suitable local media.
2. Solicit applications including a letter of interest of any legally qualified citizen interested in serving on the Board.
3. Provide candidates with appropriate information regarding 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 Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.

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

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