

A vacancy occurs when a board member resigns, forfeits, or otherwise leaves the office. A vacancy also includes, but is not limited to, the following: failure to be properly elected, failure to qualify within the time fixed by law, failure to reside in the school district or director district, a court order declaring the seat vacant, conviction of a felony, three violations of the open meetings law, or conviction of a public offense in violation of the oath of office.

If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term of office, the vacancy will be filled by board appointment consistent with Iowa law. The newly-appointed board member will hold the position until the next scheduled school election. At that time, the appointed board member may run for a full four year term, if one is available, or run for the remainder of the unexpired term.

If the board is unable to fill a vacancy by appointment as provided in Iowa law, the board secretary will call a special election consistent with Iowa law. Candidates for a seat created by a vacancy must file their nomination papers with the Board secretary consistent with the deadlines provided in Iowa law. A board member elected at the special election will serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

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