

Billings Public Schools
Trustee Vacancy Information

The Board of Trustees of Billings Public Schools has declared a trustee vacancy in the High School Trustee District, effective July 22, 2019. Applications to fill the vacancy will be accepted through 4 p.m. August 16, 2019.

When a trustee vacancy occurs, the remaining trustees shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The Board will receive applications from any qualified persons seeking to fill the position after suitable public notice. The Board will appoint one (1) candidate to serve until the next regularly scheduled election. Should the Board fail to fill a vacancy within sixty (60) days from the creation of a vacancy, the county superintendent shall appoint, in writing, a competent person to fill such vacancy. An appointee shall meet the requirements provided by law and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled school election and a successor has qualified.

Eligibility to Fill Vacancy

Persons eligible to be appointed to fill the vacancy must:

1. Be a registered voter in Yellowstone County, AND
2. Have lived in the High School Trustee Zone since at least July 22, 2018, one year prior to the effective date of the vacancy.

The boundaries of the High School at-large Trustee will include outlying elementary schools; Blue Creek, Canyon Creek, Elder Grove, Morin, Elysian, Independent and Yellowstone Academy.

Length of Term to Be Served

The individual appointed by the board to fill the vacancy is authorized to serve on the board until the next regularly scheduled trustee election in May 2020. The appointee will then have to run for election on May 5, 2020 for a one year term if they intend to continue serving as a trustee. In 2021 the trustee position will be elected for a 3 year term.

How to Apply to Fill Vacancy

To apply for the vacant trustee position, you must submit all of the following to the District Clerk in person, by email, or by fax 4 p.m. on August 16, 2019.

1. A letter of interest to the Board of Trustees
2. Current resume with at least three (3) reference
3. Answers to the attached "Trustee Vacancy Applicant Questions"

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Room 212, Lincoln Center
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FAX: 406-281-6179

Questions?
Call the District Clerk at 406-281-5017

Trustee Vacancy Applicant Questions

- a. Why do you want to be a Billings Public Schools trustee?

- b. What education and/or practical experience do you have which would qualify you to understand the school district budget?

- c. What education and/or practical experience do you have which would be of value in strategic district planning, decision making, and policy development for the school district?

- d. Are you willing and able to devote time to evening and daytime meetings?

- e. Are you willing to spend time reading about and learning about best practices in school board leadership? Do you think this is important?

- f. In general terms, what do you think are the primary functions and responsibilities of the school board?

- g. What is your understanding of the key issues facing Billings Public Schools today? What do you think the role of the school board should be in addressing these issues?