

**Filling Vacancies on the Board**

Any vacancy occurring on the Bethany Board of Education (Board), shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

A member resigning from the Board should present or have presented, a letter of resignation to the Bethany Town Clerk and the Board Chair. Having accepted a letter of resignation or having become aware of a vacancy created by means other than the resignation of a Board member, the Board will schedule the election of a replacement at the next regular Board meeting or at a special meeting convened for such purpose.

State law requires that a vacancy be filled with a member of the same political party when the Board has already achieved maximum majority representation and then only when the vacating member is of the minority party.

The Board is permitted to interview the candidate(s) for a vacancy and the subsequent deliberations by the Board, subject to the right of a candidate to insist that the portions of the interviews and discussions dealing with their candidacy be in public. The vote by the Board must take place in public.

Said election, made by a majority vote of the Board, shall be in effect until the next regular Town election, at which a successor shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. The official ballot shall specify the vacancy to be filled.

Legal references:       Connecticut General Statutes § 9-204  
                                  Connecticut General Statutes § 10-219

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