



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 13, 2025

PRESS RELEASE regarding January 14, 2025, interviews and selection of new member of the HCCS Board of School Trustees - representing District 2.

Regarding the selection of a new member of the HCCS Board of School Trustees representing District 2.

1. Mr. Matt Roth sent his notice of resignation from the HCCS Board of School Trustees to the Clerk of the Huntington Circuit Court on Thursday, December 16, 2024. The thirty (30) day timeline to fill the position started on this date.
2. Soon thereafter, the HCCS Board gave public notice of the member vacancy for District 2 and solicited applications from those persons interested in filling the remainder of Mr. Roth's term (ending December 31, 2026).
3. A total of thirteen (13) community members applied for the open District 2 school board seat.
4. The requirements to be eligible to interview for the open school board seat:
 - a. An adult residing within the designated geographic boundaries of HCCS District 2 - see GIS Beacon with boundaries layered.
5. Five (5) of the applicants do not meet the residency guidelines.
6. Eight (8) applicants domeet the residency guidelines.
7. However, since the application deadline last Friday, January 10, two (2) candidates have withdrawn their names from consideration.
8. The remaining six (6) qualified candidates will be interviewed by the HCCS Board on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, starting at 6:00 pm at HNHS.
 - a. Colin Davis
 - b. James E. Dettmer
 - c. Christopher J. Hoffman
 - d. Cynthia Kiefer
 - e. Debra S. Miller
 - f. Henry E. "Hank" Miller
9. These interviews are open to the public and will be live-streamed.
10. Interview process and procedure:
 - a. The interview sequence will be determined by random draw by Board counsel Joe Wiley.
 - b. Twenty (20) minutes is allotted for each interview.
 - c. Moderator Joe Wiley will ask all candidates the same questions with follow-up allowed by Board Members.
11. Selection of the new member to represent District 2:
 - a. At the conclusion of the interviews, the Board will have time to discuss their individual support of any candidate.
 - b. After all the discussion is concluded, the balloting will start.
 - c. Mrs. Gray will make a roll call of each Board member, and the members will indicate who they support in the appointment.
 - d. The successful candidate must receive four (4) affirmative votes in order to be appointed.

- e. If no candidate receives a majority of four (4) votes, a second roll call will occur after any additional discussion. For the second, and any subsequent ballots, the order for the roll call will rotate.
 - f. This process for balloting will continue until a four (4) vote majority is received.
 - g. If no candidate receives four (4) affirmative votes after multiple ballots, an impasse will be declared, and the selection will be turned over to the Judge of the Huntington Circuit Court.
 - h. Our community is reminded that the process and time frames for these procedures are governed by Indiana Code and the HCCS Policy/By-Laws.
12. The new District 2 school board member will be sworn in on January 14 or January 27 at the latest.