

## Bylaws of the Board

### Filling Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board, unless otherwise provided by charter or special act, shall be filled by a vote of the remaining members of the Board until the next regular election.

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. A town, by charter, could mandate that a vacancy be filled by a person of the same political party as the former member.

Such vacancies will be formally announced to the Board at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. The next regularly scheduled meeting at which time the vacancy will be filled by majority vote of all members of the Board of Education and the action shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

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 his/her candidacy be in public. The vote by the Board must take place in public.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

7-107 Vacancy appointments by selectmen.

9-204 Minority representation on boards of education.

10-219 Procedure for filling vacancy on board of education.

10-156e Employees of boards of education permitted to serve as elected officials; exception.

10-232 Restriction on employment of members of the board of education.

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